

**NATIONAL MATE (PILOT) OF TOWING VESSELS  
UPON OCEAN, NEAR COASTAL, GREAT LAKES-INLAND & WESTERN  
RIVERS § 11.465**

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<b>General Requirements</b>	<b>Reference: 46 CFR</b>	<b>✓</b>
Must have U.S. Citizenship.	10.221	
Must be at least age 19.	11.201	
Medical Certificate Requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Original - Must hold or <b>be approved</b> for Medical Certificate.</li> <li>• Renewal, ROG, New Endorsement - Must hold an unexpired Medical Certificate or submit a Medical Certificate application.</li> </ul>	10.301/10.302	
Must be Drug Testing Compliant	10.225/10.231	
Mariner Fees must be paid.	10.219	
<b>Sea Service Requirements</b>	<b>Reference: 46 CFR</b>	
<b>Recency</b> – 90 days service in the past 3 years on any vessel. A minimum tonnage is not applicable for towing MMC.	11.201	
<b>NOTE: Service will be credited as follows:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Service on GL will be credited day for day towards GL, Oceans or NC.</li> <li>2. Service on inland waters, other than GL, may substitute for up to 50% of the total required service towards Ocean and NC. .</li> <li>3. Only service on WR is applicable towards WR endorsement.</li> </ol> <p>The OC or NC TOAR must still be completed to obtain the OC or NC MMC.</p>	11.401	
<b>HOLDS APPRENTICE MATE (STEERSMAN):</b>	<b>46 CFR</b>	
<b>WITH:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 360 days on towing vessels as Apprentice Mate (Steersman). Service listed as Deckhand while holding AMS may be credited as AMS; <b>AND</b></li> <li>2. 90 days must be on a particular route; <b>AND</b></li> <li>3. TOAR <b>OR</b> approved TOAR course (No further exams required).</li> </ol>	11.465(a)	
<b>HOLDS MASTER TOWING VESSELS (LIMITED):</b>	<b>46 CFR</b>	
30 days of training & observation on towing vessels on a particular route; 90 days for Western Rivers <b>WITH</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Appropriate TOAR <b>OR</b> approved TOAR course <b>AND</b></li> <li>2. Pass an exam (unless AMS exam or course previously completed)</li> </ol>	11.465(a)	
<b>HOLDS MATE STEAM/MOTOR &gt; 200 GRT OR FCP:</b>	<b>46 CFR</b>	
May operate towing vessels within any restrictions on their endorsement if they have: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 30 days of training &amp; observation on towing vessels on a particular route; <b>AND</b></li> <li>2. Either hold a completed TOAR <b>OR</b> complete an approved course.</li> </ol> <p><b>Note:</b> Western Rivers requires 90 days of observation and training, TOAR or approved course and <u>must be endorsed on credential</u>; <b>EXCEPTION:</b></p> <p><b>If operating on LMR Pilotage waters (MM 236 and below), not required to hold WR endorsement but must hold either a FCP for that route, a MMC for Western Rivers or Mate greater than 200 GRT for other routes/waters.</b></p>	11.465	
	15.610	
<b>HOLDS MASTER STEAM/MOTOR VESSELS 200 GRT OR LESS (EXCEPT LIMITED MASTER):</b>	<b>46 CFR</b>	
1080 days service as Master under the authority of endorsement held <b>WITH</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 30 days of training &amp; observation on towing vessels on a particular route; 90 days for Western Rivers <b>AND</b></li> <li>2. Appropriate TOAR, <b>AND</b></li> <li>3. Appropriate Apprentice Mate exams or approved course</li> </ol>	11.465	

<b>IF HOLDER OF MASTER TOWING VESSELS</b>	<b>46 CFR</b>	
The holder of Master of T/V may have an endorsement placed on the MMC as Mate (Pilot) of T/V for a route superior to the current route on which the holder has no operating experience after passing an examination for that additional route. After holder completes 90 days of experience and a TOAR on that route, the MMC will be endorsed as Master of Towing and Mate (Pilot) will be removed. <b>WR is not a superior route</b>	11.464	
<b>Requirements for Adding A Route</b>		
<b>If holding an endorsement as Mate Greater Than 200 GRT:</b> <b>Western Rivers</b> – 90 day of observation and training; AND WR TOAR; AND evidence of Apprentice Mate WR course/testing. <b>Inland</b> – 30 days of observation and training; AND Inland TOAR; AND evidence of Apprentice Mate Inland course/testing. <b>Near Coastal/Oceans</b> – 30 days of observation and training; AND NC/Oceans TOAR; AND evidence of Apprentice Mate NC/Oceans course/testing <b>NOTE:</b> Testing is only required for holders of Mate greater than 200 GRT if adding a superior route (Example: Holds Mate 500 Inland, adding Mate T/V Near Coastal). <b>If holding an endorsement only as Mate T/V:</b> 90 days on requested route, appropriate TOAR and exam to add route	11.465	
<b>GRANDFATHERING OPTION</b>	<b>46 CFR</b>	
See Grandfathering of Towing Checklist for alternate paths		
<b>Other Requirements</b>		
First Aid (completed within 1 year) (original issue)	11.201	
CPR (must be valid) (original issue)	11.201	
For <b>All Routes</b> - Approved Basic Fire Fighting Course within 5 years of application date (unless previously met) Valid STCW BT is acceptable.	11.201(h)(2)	
For <b>Oceans</b> – Basic Fighting as noted above and Advanced Fire Fighting Course within 5 years of application date (unless previously met) Valid STCW Advanced Firefighting is acceptable	11.201(h)(3)	
The unless previously held noted above for firefighting covers most exceptions to Basic and/or Advanced Firefighting, See NVIC 03-16, Enclosure (10) for all exceptions if firefighting not met or submitted	NVIC 03-16	
<b>EXAMS</b> See Exam Guide		
Examination	11.903	
<b>NOTE:</b> A person holding this endorsement may qualify for an STCW endorsement, according to 11.309, 11.317, 11.319 and 11.321.	11.465	

**Note:** 11.463(f) Deck officers **servicing** on the following seagoing vessels must hold the appropriate STCW endorsement.

- (1) A towing vessel on an oceans voyage operating beyond near-coastal waters.
- (2) A towing vessel on an international voyage.
- (3) A towing vessel of 200 GRT or more on a domestic, near-coastal voyage

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