

General requirements for License of Uninspected Passenger Vessels:

- (a) This section applies to all applicants for the license to operate an uninspected vessel of less than 100 gross tons, equipped with propulsion machinery of any type, carrying six or less passengers.
- (b) Operator of uninspected passenger vessels licenses issued for ocean waters will be limited to near coastal waters not more than 100 miles offshore. Licenses issued for inland waters will include all inland waters, except Great Lakes. Licenses may be issued for a particular local area under paragraph (g) of this section.
- (c) For a license as operator of an uninspected passenger vessel with a near coastal endorsement, an applicant must have a minimum of 12 months experience in the operation of vessels, including at least three months service on vessels operating on ocean or near coastal waters.
- (d) For a license as operator of an uninspected passenger vessel with a Great Lakes and inland waters endorsement, an applicant must have 12 months service on Great Lakes or inland waters, including at least three months service operating vessels on Great Lakes waters.
- (e) For a license as operator of an uninspected passenger vessel with an inland endorsement, an applicant must have a minimum of 12 months experience in the operation of vessels.
- (f) An operator of uninspected passenger vessels license, limited on its face to undocumented vessels, may be issued to a person who is not a citizen of the United States.
- (g) Limited operator of uninspected passenger vessel licenses may be issued to applicants to be employed by organizations such as formal camps, yacht clubs, educational institutions, and marinas. A license issued under this paragraph will be limited to the specific activity and the locality of the camp, yacht club, or marina. In order to obtain this restricted license, an applicant must:
  - (1) Have three months service in the operation of the type of vessel for which the license is requested; and,
  - (2) Satisfactorily complete a safe boating course approved by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators, or those public education courses conducted by the U.S. Power Squadron or the American National Red Cross or a Coast Guard approved course; and,
  - (3) Pass a limited examination appropriate for the activity to be conducted and the route authorized.
  - (4) The first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) course certificates required by Sec. 10.205(h) of this part will only be required when, in the opinion of the OCMI, the geographic area over which service is authorized precludes obtaining medical services within a reasonable time.
- (h) An applicant for a license as operator of uninspected passenger vessels who intends to serve only in the vicinity of Puerto Rico, and who speaks Spanish only, may be issued a license restricted to the navigable waters of the United States in the vicinity of Puerto Rico.