

General requirements for Great Lakes & Inland licenses for vessels up to 200 gross tons.

Sec. 10.430 **Licenses** for the Great Lakes and inland waters.

Any license issued for service on the Great Lakes and inland waters is valid on all of the inland waters of the United States as defined in this part. Any license issued for service on inland waters is valid for the inland waters of the United States, excluding the Great Lakes. Licenses with either a Great Lakes and inland or an inland route are valid for service on the sheltered waters of the Inside Passage between Puget Sound and Cape Spencer, Alaska. As these licenses authorize service on waters seaward of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (COLREGS) demarcation line as defined in 33 CFR part 80, the applicant must complete an examination on the COLREGS or the license must be endorsed with an exclusion from such waters.

Sec. 10.450 **Tonnage limitations** and qualifying requirements for licenses as master or mate of Great Lakes and inland vessels of not more than 200 gross tons.

- (a) Except as noted in subparagraph (d), all licenses issued for master or mate of vessels of not more than 200 gross tons are issued in 50 ton increments based on the applicants qualifying experience in accordance with the provisions of Sec. 10.422. See the tonnage and qualifying service discussion in Sec. 10.422 for further clarification.
- (b) Service gained in the engineroom on vessels of not more than 200 gross tons may be creditable for up to 25 percent of the deck service requirements for mate.
- (c) When the service is obtained on vessels upon which licensed personnel are not required, the OCMI must be satisfied that the nature of this qualifying service (i.e., size of vessel, route, equipment, etc.) is a reasonable equivalent to the duties performed on vessels which are required to engage licensed individuals.
- (d) When the qualifying service is obtained upon vessels of five gross tons or less, the license will be limited to vessels of not more than 25 gross tons.

Sec. 10.452 Service requirements for **master of Great Lakes and inland** steam or motor vessels of not more than 200 gross tons.

- (a) (a) The minimum service required to qualify an applicant for a license as master of Great Lakes and inland steam or motor vessels of not more than 200 gross tons is one year of service on vessels. Six months of the required service must have been as master, mate, or equivalent supervisory position while holding a license as master, mate, master or mate (pilot) of towing vessels, or operator of uninspected passenger vessels. To obtain authority to serve on the Great Lakes, three months of the required service must have been on Great Lakes waters, otherwise the license will be limited to the inland waters of the United States (excluding the Great Lakes).
- (b) (b) In order to obtain an endorsement on this license for sail or auxiliary sail vessels, the applicant must have six months of service on sail or auxiliary sail vessels. The required six months of service may have been obtained prior to issuance of the master's license.

Sec. 10.454 Service requirements for **mate of Great Lakes and inland** steam or motor vessels of not more than 200 gross tons.

- (a) The minimum service required to qualify an applicant for a license as mate of Great Lakes and inland steam or motor vessels of not more than 200 gross tons is six months of service in the deck department of steam or motor, sail, or auxiliary sail vessels. To obtain authority to serve on the Great Lakes, three months of the required service must have been on Great Lakes waters, otherwise the license will be limited to the inland waters of the United States (excluding the Great Lakes).
- (b) (b) In order to obtain an endorsement on this license for sail or auxiliary sail vessels, the applicant must submit evidence of three months of service on sail or auxiliary sail vessels.
- (c) (c) A license as master of steam or motor vessels may be endorsed as mate sail or auxiliary sail vessels upon presentation of three months service on sail or auxiliary sail vessels.

- (d) (d) The holder of a license as operator of inland uninspected passenger vessels may obtain this license by successfully completing an examination on rules and regulations for small passenger vessels. To obtain authority to serve on the Great Lakes, three months of the required service must have been on Great Lakes waters, otherwise the license will be limited to the inland waters of the United States (excluding the Great Lakes).
- (e) (e) In order to obtain a tonnage endorsement of over 100 gross tons, the applicant must complete the additional examination topics indicated in subpart I of this part.

Sec. 10.455 Service requirements for **master of Great Lakes and inland** steam or motor vessels of not more than 100 gross tons.

- (a) (a) The minimum service required to qualify an applicant for a license as master of Great Lakes and inland steam or motor vessels of not more than 100 gross tons is one year of total service in the deck department of steam or motor, sail, or auxiliary sail vessels. To obtain authority to serve on the Great Lakes, three months of the required service must have been on Great Lakes waters, otherwise the license will be limited to the inland waters of the United States (excluding the Great Lakes).
- (b) In order to obtain an endorsement on this license for sail or auxiliary sail vessels, the applicant must submit evidence of six months of service on sail or auxiliary sail vessels. The required six months of service may have been obtained prior to issuance of the license.

Sec. 10.456 Service requirements for **limited master of Great Lakes and inland** steam or motor vessels of not more than 100 gross tons.

- (a) Limited masters' licenses for vessels of not more than 100 gross tons upon Great Lakes and inland waters may be issued to applicants to be employed by organizations such as formal camps, educational institutions, yacht clubs, and marinas with reduced service requirements. A license issued under this paragraph is 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:
 - (b) (a) Have four months of service in the operation of the type of vessel for which the license is requested; and,
 - (c) (b) Satisfactorily complete a safe boating course approved by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators, a public education course conducted by the U.S. Power Squadron or the American Red Cross, or a Coast Guard approved course. This course must have been completed within five years before the date of application; and,
 - (d) (c) Pass a limited examination appropriate for the activity to be conducted and the route authorized.
 - (e) (d) 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.

Sec. 10.457 Service requirements for **master of inland** steam or motor vessels of not more than 100 gross tons.

- (a) (a) An applicant for a license as master of inland steam or motor vessels of not more than 100 gross tons must present one year of service on any waters. In order to raise the tonnage limitation over 100 gross tons, the examination topics indicated in subpart I of this part must be completed in addition to satisfying the experience requirements of Sec. 10.452(a).
- (b) (b) In order to obtain an endorsement on this license for sail or auxiliary sail vessels, the applicant must submit evidence of six months of service on sail or auxiliary sail vessels. The required six months of service may have been obtained prior to issuance of the license.