

**General requirements** for Great Lakes & Inland licenses for vessels of over 1600 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. 10.431 Tonnage requirements** for Great Lakes and inland licenses for vessels of over 1600 gross tons.

- (a) All required experience for Great Lakes and inland unlimited licenses must be obtained on vessels of over 200 gross tons. At least one-half of the required experience must be obtained on vessels of 1600 gross tons or over.
- (b) Tonnage limitations may be imposed on these licenses in accordance with Sec. 10.402 (b) and (c).

**Sec. 10.433 Service requirements for master of Great Lakes and inland** steam or motor vessels of any gross tons.

The minimum service required to qualify an applicant for license as master of Great Lakes and inland steam or motor vessels of any gross tons is:

- (a) One year of service as mate or first class pilot while acting in the capacity of first mate of Great Lakes steam or motor vessels of more than 1600 gross tons; or,
- (b) Two years of service as master of inland (excluding the Great Lakes) steam or motor vessels of more than 1600 gross tons; or,
- (c) One year of service upon Great Lakes waters while holding a license as mate or first class pilot of Great Lakes and inland steam or motor vessels of more than 1600 gross tons. A minimum of six months of this service must have been in the capacity of first mate. Service as second mate is accepted for the remainder on a two-for-one basis to a maximum of six months (12 months of service equals six months of creditable service).

**Sec. 10.435 Service requirements for master of inland** steam or motor vessels of any gross tons.

The minimum service required to qualify an applicant for license as master of inland (excluding the Great Lakes) steam or motor vessels of any gross tons is:

- (a) One year of service as first class pilot (of other than canal and small lakes routes) or mate of Great Lakes or inland steam or motor vessels of more than 1,600 gross tons; or,
- (b) Two years of service as wheelsman or quartermaster while holding a mate/first class pilot license.

**Sec. 10.435 Service requirements for master of inland** steam or motor vessels of any gross tons.

The minimum service required to qualify an applicant for license as master of inland (excluding the Great Lakes) steam or motor vessels of any gross tons is:

- (a) One year of service as first class pilot (of other than canal and small lakes routes) or mate of Great Lakes or inland steam or motor vessels of more than 1,600 gross tons; or,
- (b) Two years of service as wheelsman or quartermaster while holding a mate/first class pilot license.

**Sec. 10.437 Service requirements for mate** of Great Lakes and inland steam or motor vessels of any gross tons.

- (a) The minimum service required to qualify an applicant for license as mate of Great Lakes and inland steam or motor vessels of any gross tons is:
  - (1) Three years of service in the deck department of steam or motor vessels, at least three months of which must have been on vessels on inland waters and at least six months of which must have been as able seaman, inland mate, boatswain, wheelsman, quartermaster, or equivalent position;
  - (2) Graduation from the deck class of the Great Lakes Maritime Academy; or,
  - (3) While holding a license as master of Great Lakes and inland steam or motor vessels of not more than 1600 gross tons, one year service as master on vessels of over 200 gross tons.
- (b) Service gained in the engine department on vessels of appropriate tonnage may be creditable for up to six months of the service requirements under paragraph (a)(1) of this section.