

2.07: Applicants for Pilot Candidate Training

- (1) Mariners seeking a commission as a state pilot may contact the Commissioner through the Pilot Commissioner's web site (<http://www.masspilotage.com>) or email PilotCommissioners1@comcast.net.
- (2) The Commissioners will consider, and will interview and examine only those applicants for Pilot Candidate Training who have:
 - (a) filed a written application with the Commissioners in the form annexed hereto as Exhibit B (as incorporated by reference in 995 CMR 2.00, with an original at the offices of the Pilot Commissioners: District One) duly completed and signed;
 - (b) furnished documentary proof that they are twenty-one (21) years of age or older;
 - (c) furnished documentary proof that they are citizens of the United States of America;
 - (d) furnished documentary proof of having successfully completed twelve (12) years of formal education or the equivalent satisfactory to the Commissioners;
 - (e) proved to the satisfaction of the Commissioners that they are fluent in the English language;
 - (f) obtained a physical examination that meets the license requirements of the U.S. Coast Guard by a medical practitioner licensed and qualified to practice so as to demonstrate good physical and mental health, dated within one (1) year of submission of application. Note: form annexed hereto as Exhibit D, U.S. Department of Homeland Security/U.S. Coast Guard/CG-719K (or current revision, as incorporated reference);
 - (g) proved to the satisfaction of the Commissioners that the candidate is in permissible medical and mental health as evidenced by the requirements outlined in USCG Form 719K;
 - (h) furnished documentary proof that they have satisfactory maritime experience as required by 995 CMR 2.10;
 - (i) furnished documentary proof that they hold current and unrestricted Merchant Marine Credential as required by 995 CMR 2.12(1);
 - (j) made payment of an application fee in the amount of \$500.00 payable to the Commissioners; applications rejected upon filing will have application fee money returned minus a \$100 nonrefundable administrative fee;
 - (k) All candidates will be subject to Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) screening in accordance with 803 CMR 2.00: Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) and potential additional background checks as deemed appropriate by Commissioners. These additional checks may include Marine Index Bureau and/or other formal background checks.
 - (l) provide current proof of residency of at least 6 months in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts immediately prior to filing of application.
- (3) Upon completion to the satisfaction of the Commissioners of the requirement of 995 CMR 2.07(1) and 2.10, the candidate will be selected after exam, simulator, and interview.
- (4) Upon completion to the satisfaction of the Commissioners of the requirements of 995 CMR 2.07(1) and 2.07(2) the Commissioners will notify applicants who are to be considered for Pilot Candidate training in writing of the date, time and place at which they will be tested and interviewed by the Commissioners.
- (5) Subsequent to the interview referred to in 995 CMR 2.07(4), the Commissioners will notify the final applicant in writing that the Commissioners have determined that the individual does satisfy all requirements and is judged competent for Pilot Candidate Training. The Commissioners will then seek the required approval of the Trustees of the Boston Marine Society.
- (6) If the approval of the Trustees is received by the Commissioners in respect to any individual who has satisfied the Commissioners in respect to the requirements of 995 CMR 2.07 and 2.10, and if the Commissioners determine that an additional Pilot Candidate Training is required, the Commissioners shall authorize such training.

2.10: Prior Maritime Experience

- (1) Satisfactory maritime experience must be, in the case of an applicant for a Warrant Pilot Commission, either Merchant Marine experience or Pilot experience as set forth in 995 CMR 2.10.
- (2) Merchant Marine experience must be:
 - (a) At least two (2) years of service at sea during the five (5) year period immediately preceding the date of original application for which such Commission is made;
 - (b) During such two (2) year period, at least one (1) year shall have been served aboard U.S. documented vessels over 1600 gross tons in the capacity as either:
 1. Master while holding a Master of ocean or near-coastal self-propelled vessels of unlimited tonnage Merchant Mariner Credential issued by the U.S. Coast Guard; or
 2. Chief Mate while a Master of ocean or near-coastal self-propelled vessels of unlimited tonnage Merchant Mariner Credential issued by the U.S. Coast Guard.
 - (c) One (1) year of service at sea shall mean 180 days service on an operating commercial merchant vessel documented or registered under the laws of the United States or owned by the United States Government;
 - (d) Service at sea on a foreign flag vessel may, in the sole discretion of the Commissioners, be determined after appropriate inquiry and receipt of documentary evidence, be treated as equivalent to service on a vessel documented under the laws of the United States;
 - (e) The Commissioners shall make an interpretation of sea service for merchant vessels in Reduced Operating Status (ROS) and Mobile Offshore Drilling Units (MODUs) in accordance with 46 CFR § 10.232 and relevant U.S. Coast Guard policy, but no more than ½ a day for every day of service;

2.12: Licenses and Certificates

- (1) An individual who holds a Warrant Pilot Commission or a Full Branch Pilot Commission, must at all times, and as a condition to continued right to hold said Commission, possess the following duly issued, current and valid licenses and documents:
 - (a) Master of ocean or near-coastal self-propelled vessels of unlimited tonnage Merchant Mariner Credential issued by the U.S. Coast Guard;
 - (b) Valid Medical Certificate issued by the U.S. Coast Guard (e.g. CG-4610A (Medical Certificate wallet-sized card)),
 - (c) Radar Observer endorsement issued by the U.S. Coast Guard;
 - (d) Unlimited First Class Pilot's endorsement issued by the U.S. Coast Guard for routes and areas within District One encompassed within the relevant Commission; and
 - (e) Valid Transportation Workers Identification Credential (TWIC).
- (2) In the event any such license, endorsement, document or certificate of training becomes invalid or the holder loses the right to hold such license, endorsement, document or certificate, the holder will immediately inform the Commissioner and shall tender to the Commissioner the holder's Commission, which the Commissioner shall retain until the holder obtains all required licenses, endorsement, document or certificate.
- (3) The Commissioner, in consultation with federal and state regulators, and senior Full Branch Pilots, may impose new training standards that render Certificates of Training for new or different programs and equipment.