



STATE OF WASHINGTON
BOARD OF PILOTAGE COMMISSIONERS

STATEMENT OF POLICY

**REGARDING: Development of Conning Quizzes and Local Knowledge Exams under
WAC 363-116-078 (4)**

It is the policy of the Board of Pilotage Commissioners with regard to interpreting WAC 363-116-078 (4) that the Trainee Evaluation Committee be authorized to develop Conning Quizzes and Local Knowledge Exams relative to the development of “such other forms of learning and instruction that may be designated”.

The Conning Quizzes and Local Knowledge Exams will be developed with the approval of the Board and with the input from local subject matter experts and will be used to establish a pilot trainee’s local knowledge.

Each Conning Quiz will be organized by main channel routes and ports and approaches and be connected with the routes and ports and approaches detailed in the Training Program. A Conning Quiz is not intended to replace a Local Knowledge Examination as specified in WAC 363-116-078 (5)(b)ii and (8), but there will be some overlap of subject matter.

A Pilot trainee who has not passed a Conning Quiz or Quizzes related to the route or harbor area will not be able to move from the Observation phase to the Training phase of his/her Training Program for that route or harbor area.

After a trainee has successfully passed a Conning Quiz on a main channel route or a port and approach, he/she will be eligible to take the conn on that route or approach (except not on a US flag vessel where Federal Pilotage is required).

The Local Knowledge Exam for the Initial Route must be completed within eight months of the training start date if the trainee is taking the stipend. For each month the trainee is off stipend, an additional month is added, to allow no more than a total of fifteen months to successfully pass the appropriate Local Knowledge Exam.

The Final Local Knowledge Exam must be completed before consideration for licensing and must be successfully passed before the expiration date of the training program.

The Conning Quizzes and Local Knowledge Exams will be administered at the offices of the Board of Pilotage Commissioners and will be graded by the staff. Eighty percent (80%) will be considered a passing grade for Conning Quizzes, and eighty-five (85%) is required for the Local Knowledge Exams. If a trainee fails a Conning Quiz or Local Knowledge Exam, it can be retaken after seven (7) days, but must be passed within the timing deadlines discussed above.