

**WAC 363-116-0751****Qualifications for pilot applicants.**

(1) Sea service.

(a) In addition to meeting the preexamination requirements of RCW 88.16.090, pilot applicants must, before taking the examination provided in WAC 363-116-076, meet one of the following indicated service requirements as master, while holding a minimum license as mate/master of steam or motor vessels of not more than 1600 GRT or 3000 GT (ITC):

<b>Vessel Type</b>	<b>Minimum Size</b>	<b>Waters</b>	<b>Minimum Time</b>
Cargo or tank	5000 GRT or 10,000 GT (ITC)	Ocean or near coastal	1 year as master
Cargo or tank	700 GRT or 1400 GT (ITC)	Ocean or near coastal	2 years as master
Cargo or tank	1600 GRT or 3000 GT (ITC)	Inland	2 years as master
Passenger or ferry	1600 GRT or 3000 GT (ITC)	Ocean, near coastal or inland	2 years as master
Towing	150 GRT or 300 GT (ITC)	Ocean, near coastal or inland	2 years as master
Articulated tug barge (ATB)	Combined 10,000 GRT (ITC)	Ocean or near coastal	4 years sailing as a mate/master with a minimum of 1 year as master
U.S. Flag government	3000 displacement tons	Ocean, near coastal or inland	2 years as commanding officer or master
Special purpose	1600 GRT or 3000 GT (ITC)	Ocean, near coastal or inland	2 years as master
<b>Other</b>	<b>Minimum Size</b>	<b>Waters</b>	<b>Minimum Time</b>
Professional pilot association or government employed pilot	1600 GRT or 3000 GT (ITC)	Ocean, near coastal or inland	3 years as pilot

(b) In calculating sea service under subsection (1) of this section, a year of service shall equal three hundred sixty days of service on the vessel in the required capacity. Pilot applicants combining the above types of sea service shall have a total of at least two years of the various service times, except that one day of service as master on cargo, tank, or passenger vessels of at least 5000 GRT or 10,000 GT (ITC) shall be credited as two days of service time for the purpose of calculating such combined service times.

(2) In lieu of the requirements of subsection (1) of this section, a pilot applicant may substitute either:

(a) Three years of service as an active member of an organized professional pilot association or as a government employed pilot during which periods the pilot applicant was actively engaged in piloting and docking vessels while holding a minimum license as a master of steam or motor vessels of not more than 1600 GRT or 3000 GT (ITC) upon oceans, near coastal waters or inland waters. For purposes of this section, piloting shall refer to piloting vessels in the capacity of the pilot in charge of navigation with no other responsibilities (either when piloting or not piloting) as a member of the ship's crew; or

(b) Two years of service as a commanding officer or master of U.S. flag government vessels of not less than 3000 displacement tons. The pilot applicant must hold at the time of application a minimum license as master of steam or motor vessels of not more than 1600 GRT or 3000 GT (ITC) upon oceans, near coastal waters or inland waters; or

(c) Two years of service as master of special purpose vessels of not less than 1600 GRT or 3000 GT (ITC) while holding a minimum license as master of steam or motor vessels of not more than 1600 GRT or 3000 GT (ITC), provided that the sea time making up the sea service was spent in charge of a vessel that can be documented to have been underway and to have required the type of ship-handling, navigation and leadership skills that the board finds necessary to provide the experience needed to become a pilot. Evaluation of service time on special purpose vessels shall be made by the board on a case-by-case basis and shall not be approved unless the board finds the service to be the substantial equivalent of the sea service required in subsection (1)(a) and (b) of this section or (a) and (b) of this subsection (2). The determination of the board as to the suitability of service as master of a special purpose vessel will be final.

(3) As used in this section these terms shall have the following meanings:

(a) Cargo or tank vessels shall refer to vessels primarily engaged in the transportation of cargo between points.

(b) Passenger vessels shall refer to vessels primarily engaged in the transportation of passengers between points. This shall include yachts only to the extent and for such times that such vessels are actively engaged in moving passengers between points.

(c) Ferry vessels shall refer to vessels primarily engaged in the transportation of vehicles and passengers between points.

(d) Towing vessels shall refer to vessels primarily engaged in commercial towing of vessels or in ship assist work.

(e) GRT shall refer to gross register tonnage (domestic).

(f) GT (ITC) shall refer to gross tonnage measured in accordance with the requirements of the *1969 International Convention on Tonnage Measurement of Ships*.

(g) Master shall refer to the person of master's rank on the vessel's station bill or muster list or other such document who, in the event of an emergency or the sounding of a general alarm, is required to be on the bridge and in charge. If there is no such designation, the term master shall refer to the person of master's rank and pay who is ultimately in charge of the navigation of the vessel as reflected in the vessel's official log book, or there being no official log book, the bridge log of the vessel.

(h) Mate shall refer to the person of mate's rank (third mate, second mate, chief mate or simply mate) whose duties include regular bridge watchkeeping.

(4) It will be the responsibility of the pilot applicant to provide adequate documentation to enable the board to set forth and verify sea service in the manner specified in the board's application form.

The board will not provide applicants with a final determination verifying service until it receives an application form. An applicant will not get official notification of whether he/she qualifies to sit for the examination until the board reviews a formal application. In the event an applicant is working on a vessel other than one of the five specified in subsection (1)(a) of this section, e.g., a special purpose vessel, he/she will be required to provide the board with sufficient documentation to demonstrate to the board the amount of time involved in the navigation of a vessel underway.

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