



## Quality Maritime Training, LLC

### **ABLE SEAMAN QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

U.S. Coast Guard requirements for an Able Seaman “qualified rating” endorsed on the Merchant Mariner’s Credential (MMC), the candidate must:

- Be at least 18 years of age.
- Pass a routine physical examination and drug screen.
- Copy of TWIC card.
- Possess a Social Security Card (the real thing).
- Submit proof of Citizenship (U.S. or other).
- Provide a completed Coast Guard Application.
- Submit letters of sea service, discharges, military sea service transcripts, etc., showing at least one of the following:

<b><u>Able Seaman Ratings</u></b>	<b>Deck Service on vessels of:</b>	<b>Req. Sea Service “8 hour days”</b>	<b>**Req. Sea Service “12 hour days”</b>
Able Seaman Special – OSV (Offshore Supply Vessel)	See Note 1	180	120
Able Seaman Special	See Note 2	360	240
Able Seaman Limited	Over 100 Gross Tons.	540	360
Able Seaman, Any Waters, Unlimited	Over 100 Gross Tons.	1080	720

*Note 1: Traditionally the Coast Guard has accepted deck sea time for AB-OSV on vessels of at least 15Gross Registry Tons (GRT) on vessels operating on oceans or navigable waters of the U.S. including the Great Lakes.*

*Note 2: Traditionally the Coast Guard has accepted deck sea time for AB-Special on vessels of at least 100Gross Registry Tons (GRT) and/or over 65 feet in length on vessels operating on oceans or navigable waters of the U.S. including the Great Lakes.*

To serve on vessels, which require compliance with STCW-95, the AB candidate also needs to provide evidence of the following qualifications or certifications:

- ✓ If not already completed, 5-day Basic Safety Training Courses (Basic Fire Fighting, Personal Survival, Personal Safety, and Elementary First Aid).
- ✓ Completion of an STCW - Rating Forming Part of a Navigational Watch (RFPNW) Program.
- ✓ For AB Special, Limited, and Unlimited, complete STCW - Proficiency in Survival Craft (PSC), with lifeboats.

**Next:**

- Pass the applicable AB Rating examinations at the Coast Guard, or complete Quality Maritime’s USCG approved 44-hour Able Seaman Course. Also, for STCW-95, complete a RFPNW program and our PSC/lifeboats course. Then submit our AB certificate of completion to the Coast Guard in lieu of taking the Coast Guard AB exams, along with other STCW certificates.

**Then:**

- Submit to U.S. Coast Guard the completed application, all documents and certificates, along with the \$140.00 user fee (\$95 Evaluation fee + \$45.00 Issuance Fee).

**Note:**

- \*\* Each verified day as 12 hours on certain vessels (towing and OSVs) counts as a day and one-half.

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