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NMC Policy Letter 16-02  
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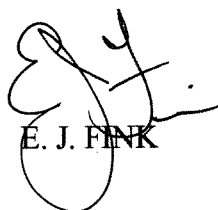
Subj: CHANGE 1 TO NMC POLICY LETTER 01-02

Ref: (a) NMC Policy Letter 01-02, *Applicants for Ocean or Near Coastal Mate License for Service on Vessels of 500 or More Gross Tonnage (GT) (200 Gross Register Tons [GRT]) With Qualifying Service or Training Beginning on or after 1 August 1998 and All Applicants Beginning 1 February 2002.*

1. PURPOSE. This policy letter provides revisions to reference (a).
2. ACTION.
  - a. Commanding officers of units with a Regional Examination Center (REC) attached shall be guided by the information in this policy letter for the issuance of these licenses and accompanying STCW endorsements.
  - b. Commanding officers of units with marine safety responsibilities should bring this policy letter to the attention of the maritime industry with interests in marine personnel issues and to institutions that offer U. S. Coast Guard approved training.
  - c. This policy letter will be distributed by electronic means only. It is available on the World Wide Web at <http://www.uscg.mil/STCW/m-policy.htm>.
3. DISCUSSION. Make the following changes to reference (a).
  - a. NMC letter 16721 dated 1/8/02, paragraph 3.a: Change 10.901(d) to 10.903(d).
  - b. Enclosure (1), section 8: Delete the words "qualify as a rating forming part of a navigational watch and."
  - c. Enclosure (1), section 11, paragraph a: Change to read "...and certification must meet the sea service requirements of 46 CFR 10.414 or 10.416." Delete subparagraphs (1); (2); and (3).
  - d. Enclosure (1), section 11, paragraph e: Delete subparagraph (1) and renumber the remaining subparagraphs as (1) and (2).

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- e. Enclosure (1), attachment (A), item 8.a: Change to read "Navigation: Celestial, Terrestrial, Coastal (as appropriate);"
- f. Add control sheet OICNW 02-03C to enclosure (4). The control sheet is enclosure (1) to this policy letter; and
- g. Enclosure (6), paragraph (2): Delete the words "any gross tons."



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Encl: (1) Control sheet OICNW 02-03C

Copy: Commandant (G-MOC), (G-MSO)  
Area Commanders (Am)  
All District Commanders (m)  
All COs, Marine Safety Offices  
All Activity Commanders  
All RECs

## Assessment of competence

### OFFICER IN CHARGE OF A NAVIGATIONAL WATCH

**ASSESSMENT NO.** OICNW-2-3C

**FUNCTION:** Navigation at the Operational Level

**COMPETENCE:** Maintain a safe navigational watch

**KNOWLEDGE, UNDERSTANDING & PROFICIENCY:** *Watchkeeping* -- Thorough knowledge of effective bridge teamwork procedures

**TASK:** Watch augmentation

**PERFORMANCE CONDITION:** On a ship at sea or a full mission ship simulator during an exercise at sea, when help is needed because of restricted visibility, vessel traffic or safety of navigation.

**PERFORMANCE BEHAVIOR:** Recognize the need for additional personnel on the bridge and notify the master.

**PERFORMANCE STANDARD:**

The candidate notified the master immediately of the following:

1. restricted visibility was encountered or expected;
2. vessel traffic density or the movements of other ships caused concern;
3. the vessel will transit restricted waters with vessel traffic;  
the candidate was fatigued to the point decision making is affected.

A ship's officer who signs below attests that he/she has met the requirements to qualify as a shipboard assessor.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mariner

\_\_\_\_\_  
SSN No.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Assessor (sign and print name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
License No.

\_\_\_\_\_  
MMD No.

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Position

\_\_\_\_\_  
Vessel or Training Course  
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Enclosure (4)  
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