

The National Maritime Center

Designated Examiner Description:

A person who is qualified, and approved by the Coast Guard, to evaluate whether a candidate for a towing credential is proficient at performing specific tasks by comparing the performance of the tasks against performance standards published by the Coast Guard.

How to apply:

Requests for approval or renewal as a designated examiner, or modification of an existing approval, are submitted to the National Maritime Center and must include a description of the mariner's qualifications and service record, both specific to the tasks to be assessed.

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Or

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Attn: Training and Assessment Division NMC-2

100 Forbes Drive

Martinsburg, West Virginia 25404

Approval Requirements:

To become a Designated Examiner you must have documentary evidence to establish that you:

- have experience, training or been instructed in assessment techniques;
- have a at least three (3) years of service as Master of Towing Vessels, on each route requested

Renewal Requirements

Requests for Renewal are submitted to the National Maritime Center a minimum of 90 days prior to the expiration date, and must include a description of the mariner's qualifications and service record, both specific to the tasks to be assessed.

Modification Requirements

Requests for modification or the addition of a route are submitted to the National Maritime Center and must include a description of the mariner's qualifications and service record, both specific to the tasks to be assessed.

Explanation of Routes / Restrictions

Route endorsements and authorities:

- Near-Coastal / Oceans waters
- Great Lakes / Inland waters
- Western Rivers
- Limited (Note: Must include a geographic area restriction)

Master of Towing Vessels Limited: The authority to act as a Designated Examiner while sailing on this credential, is restricted to the same geographic area of operations. Enables a mariner with experience in a limited geographic area an opportunity to obtain a towing credential.