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From: Commanding Officer, USCG National Maritime Center
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Subj: GUIDANCE FOR ISSUANCE OF GAS TURBINE ENDORSEMENTS

Ref: (a) Navigation and Vessel Inspection Circular (NVIC) 2-01, *Qualifications of Engineer Officers Serving on Seagoing Vessels With Gas Turbine Main Propulsion*
(b) International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978, as amended (STCW)

1. This policy letter provides guidance for the issuance of license and STCW endorsements to mariners who qualify for service on gas turbine propelled vessels. The requirements for qualification are provided in references (a) and (b).
2. Mariners who qualify for a gas turbine endorsement shall have their license and STCW form endorsed as follows:

- a. An existing license shall be endorsed as if adding another propulsion mode. Example:

ALSO; FIRST ASSISTANT ENGINEER OF GAS TURBINE VESSELS OF ANY HORSEPOWER

- b. If qualified for a new license due to renewal or raise of grade, the endorsement shall be included as another propulsion mode on the front of the license. Example:

SECOND ASSISTANT ENGINEER OF STEAM, MOTOR AND GAS TURBINE VESSELS OF ANY HORSEPOWER.

- c. Several new STCW endorsements have been made available in the Merchant Mariner License and Documentation System (MMLD). This reflects a change in entries that have previously been placed in the "LIMITATIONS" section of the form. The following propulsion specific limitations are provided:

Not valid in ships in which steam boilers form part of the propulsion system.

Not valid in ships in which diesel engines (motor) form part of the propulsion system.

Not valid in ships in which gas turbines form part of the propulsion system.

Not valid in ships in which steam boilers or gas turbines form part of the propulsion system.

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Not valid in ships in which diesel engines (motor) or gas turbines form part of the propulsion system.

Not valid in ships in which steam boilers or diesel engines (motor) form part of the propulsion system.

d. The following matrix is provided to assist in determining what entry should be placed in the "LIMITATIONS" section:

Mariner Qualifies for:			
Steam	Motor	Gas	Entry in LIMITATIONS section
Yes	Yes	Yes	Leave blank
Yes	Yes	No	Not valid in ships in which gas turbines...
Yes	No	No	Not valid in ships in which diesel engines (motor) or gas turbines...
Yes	No	Yes	Not valid in ships in which diesel engines (motor)...
No	Yes	Yes	Not valid in ships in which steam boilers...
No	No	Yes	Not valid in ships in which steam boilers or diesel engines (motor)...
No	Yes	No	Not valid in ships in which steam boilers or gas turbines...

e. Applicable user fees shall be assessed for evaluation and/or issuance as appropriate in accordance with reference (a).

f. Questions regarding issuance of endorsements noted in this policy letter should be directed to LCDR Dave Dolloff of the National Maritime Center at telephone number (202) 493-1047 or electronic mail address at ddolloff@ballston.uscg.mil.

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