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## **Directions for obtaining STCW endorsement as Vessel Personnel with Designated Security Duties (VPDSD)**

1. Read USCG Policy letter CG CVC Policy 12-06 with specific attention to:
  - Section(5)(f)(2)- regarding grandfathering provisions for obtaining STCVW endorsement as VPDSD
  - Section (5) (g) (1-3)- regarding specific mariner procedures for obtaining STCW endorsement

*Note: If you have a Vessel Security Officer (VSO) endorsement on your credential you already hold a superior endorsement and do not require this additional endorsement.*
2. Obtain documentary evidence from Master/Company official IAW Section (5)(f)(2)(a) of policy letter- See sample letter provided.
3. Submit USCG 719B form (to REC) requesting STCW endorsement as VPDSD as noted on the sample 719B form provided. If you are applying for just the VPDSD endorsement to your STCW there should not be a charge. If you are renewing your credential at the same time the normal fees apply.