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Gas Turbine Propulsion Endorsement

Recently, the Coast Guard issued NVIC 2-01, which provides information concerning the issuance of qualifications for seagoing engineers operating gas turbine propelled vessels in compliance with the STCW '95. The current policies for crewing gas turbine vessels will remain effective until February 1, 2002. Following that date, a specific gas turbine endorsement will be required similar to the current steam or motor. The endorsement can be acquired in the following ways:

1. *All Engineers (regardless of endorsement or type of ships sailed)* who began the service or training for their present license before August 1, 1998 may request the gas turbine endorsement from a USCG REC after paying a user fee.
2. *Third Assistant Engineers* who began qualifying service after August 1, 1998 will need to complete an approved or accepted training course.
3. *Second Assistant Engineers* who began qualifying service after August 1, 1998 will need to complete an approved or accepted training course or complete 60 days service as a watch office on board such vessels.
4. *Chief and First Assistant Engineers* who began qualifying service after August 1, 1998 need to complete an approved or accepted training course.

The endorsement will be made to the Gas Turbine training course for both Operational and Managerial Level Engineers.

It is important that all Engineers, Deep Sea and Great Lakes, meeting category 1 above proceed to their USCG REC to request the endorsement.

For additional information or questions, call the Engineering Department at 800-942-3220 Ext 7830 or 7803.