

Reduced Operating Status (ROS) service and credit for AMO Contracted MSC and MARAD ships

The renewal of a USCG credential (MMC) involves renewal or both national and international endorsements which may be held by the mariner. ROS time is considered slightly different for each.

National endorsements (ie. License officer endorsements). The provisions for sea service credit for ROS are contained in **46 CFR 10.232 (e)** Sea service on vessels that do not get underway. *This requirement applies to service obtained on vessels mandated by the Certificate of Inspection (COI) which are in operation but do not get underway or occasionally get underway for short voyages. Service while the vessel is not underway must be credited as follows:*

(1) Engineering department. Service may be credited day-for-day for up to 50 percent of the service credit for renewal, raise in grade, and original issue for each day the engineering plant is operational.

(2) Deck department. Service may be credited as follows:

(i) Original issue and raise in grade. Service is creditable on a 3-for-1 basis (12 months of experience equals 4 months of creditable service) for up to 6 months of service credit.

When renewing national endorsements a mariner must present evidence of at least 1 year of sea service during the past 5 years. If a mariner cannot adhere to this IAW the above service requirements(i.e. all service is ROS) then the provisions of **46 CFR 10.227 (e) (2)** apply and they must (ii) Pass a comprehensive, open-book exercise covering the general subject matter". This is a take home exam sent by the REC.

STCW endorsements (Basic training and Advanced FF)- IAW USCG NVIC 8-14 and NVIC 9-14, those on ROS vessels can receive service credit towards renewal of STCW endorsements provided the vessel regularly holds fire and emergency and abandon ship drills. Documentation of the drills may be required in the form of a company or vessel letter stating this.

Note: to renew STCW endorsements, in addition to the 360 days of STCW service, the individual must complete:

- Basic Training Revalidation. (1 day course, dated within 5 years of renewal)
- Advanced Fire Fighting Revalidation. (1 day course, dated within 5 years of renewal)

Please refer to the following for any additional information:

USCG NMC Renewal Checklists:

- [NATIONAL RENEWAL CHECKLIST § 10.227](#)
- [STCW RENEWAL after 12/31/2016](#)