

**[§ 7115. Repealed. Pub. L. 115-282, title VI, § 601(c)(2), Dec. 4, 2018, 132 Stat. 4289]**

Section, added Pub. L. 111-281, title II, §210(a), Oct. 15, 2010, 124 Stat. 2913, established the Merchant Mariner Medical Advisory Committee. See section 15104 of this title.

**§ 7116. Examinations for merchant mariner credentials**

(a) **REQUIREMENT FOR SAMPLE EXAMS.**—The Secretary shall develop a sample merchant mariner credential examination and outline of merchant mariner examination topics on an annual basis.

(b) **PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.**—Each sample examination and outline of topics developed under subsection (a) shall be readily available to the public.

(c) **MERCHANT MARINER CREDENTIAL DEFINED.**—In this section, the term “merchant mariner credential” has the meaning that term has in section 7510.

(Added Pub. L. 114-120, title III, §315(b)(1), Feb. 8, 2016, 130 Stat. 62.)

**CHAPTER 73—MERCHANT MARINERS’ DOCUMENTS**

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**HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES**

Chapter 73 establishes the general requirements for the issuance of a merchant mariners’ document to those individuals who are required to have a document prior to engagement or employment on certain vessels of the United States.

**Editorial Notes**

**AMENDMENTS**

1984—Pub. L. 98-364, title IV, §402(9)(A), July 17, 1984, 98 Stat. 448, added item 7311a.

**§ 7301. General**

(a) In this chapter—

(1) “service on deck” means service in the deck department in work related to the work

usually performed on board vessels by able seamen and may include service on fishing, fish processing, fish tender vessels and on public vessels of the United States;

(2) 360 days is equal to one year’s service; and

(3) a day is equal to 8 hours of labor or duty.

(b) The Secretary may prescribe regulations to carry out this chapter.

(Pub. L. 98-89, Aug. 26, 1983, 97 Stat. 541; Pub. L. 98-364, title IV, §402(9)(B), July 17, 1984, 98 Stat. 448.)

**HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES**

<i>Revised section</i>	<i>Source section (U.S. Code)</i>
7301 .....	46:672(c)

Section 7301 defines “service on deck”, “one year’s service” and “day” with respect to the qualifying time for the issuance of various types of endorsements as able seamen. This section also provides the Secretary with the authority to prescribe regulations to carry out this chapter.

**Editorial Notes**

**AMENDMENTS**

1984—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 98-364 substituted “fishing, fish processing, fish tender vessels” for “decked fishing vessels”.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

**MERCHANT MARINE POST-SERVICE CAREER OPPORTUNITIES**

Pub. L. 113-281, title III, §305(d), Dec. 18, 2014, 128 Stat. 3044, provided that: “Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act [Dec. 18, 2014], the Commandant of the Coast Guard shall take steps to promote better awareness, on an ongoing basis, among Coast Guard personnel regarding post-service use of Coast Guard training, education, and practical experience in satisfaction of requirements for merchant mariner credentials under section 11.213 of title 46, Code of Federal Regulations.”

**§ 7302. Issuing merchant mariners’ documents and continuous discharge books**

(a) The Secretary shall issue a merchant mariner’s document to an individual required to have that document under part F of this subtitle if the individual satisfies the requirements of this part. The document serves as a certificate of identification and as a certificate of service, specifying each rating in which the holder is qualified to serve on board vessels on which that document is required under part F.

(b) The Secretary also may issue a continuous discharge book to an individual issued a merchant mariner’s document if the individual requests.

(c) The Secretary may not issue a merchant mariner’s document under this chapter unless the individual applying for the document makes available to the Secretary, under section 30305(b)(5) of title 49, any information contained in the National Driver Register related to an offense described in section 30304(a)(3)(A) or (B) of title 49 committed by the individual.

(d) The Secretary may review the criminal record of an individual who applies for a merchant mariner’s document under this section.