

10 Steps to becoming a State of Alaska – Licensed Marine Pilot

- 1. Experience:** Must meet one of the requisite sea service requirements listed under AS 08.62.093(b).
- 2. Sponsorship:** Gain acceptance into the riding program of a pilot association in the area in which pilotage is desired. Pilot associations shall notify the Marine Pilot Coordinator (MPC) when a person is accepted as a pilot observer, 12 AAC 56.026(j).
- 3. Federal Pilotage:** In accordance with 12 AAC 56.028 obtain a federal pilotage endorsement without tonnage restrictions for the pilotage region in which a license is desired.
- 4. Core Exam:** Before training for a State license may begin, a candidate must apply for and pass the core examination, 12 AAC 56.026(a)(3), 12 AAC 56.026(i). Test covers the topics listed in 12 ACC 56.070(b)(1)-(5).
- 5. Training:** The pilot association shall notify the MPC before the trainee may begin any supervised training, 12 ACC 56.026(b). Applicable training and program requirements are described in 12 AAC 56.026(c)-(h) & 12 AAC 56.028. Each quarter a trainee shall forward to the MPC a copy of each evaluation form received, 12 AAC 56.026(g).
- 6. Application:** Following successful completion of training a candidate submits an application for Deputy Marine Pilot with required documentation, 12 AAC 56.025(a).
- 7. Regional Exam:** Following approval of the application for Deputy Marine Pilot, the applicant may take the Regional Local Knowledge exam, 12 AAC 56.070(f). Upon successful completion, the applicant is orally examined by the Board, 12 AAC 56.070(d).
- 8. Deputy Marine Pilot:** Following successful completion of all required training/examinations the board shall authorize issuance of a Deputy Marine Pilot license of not more than 25,000 GT.
- 9. Tonnage Upgrade:** Upon meeting the requirements of 12 AAC 56.018, a licensee may apply for a tonnage upgrade to less than 65,000 GT, then 90,000 GT [12 AAC 56.019], then 100,000 GT [12 AAC 56.023].
- 10. Marine Pilot:** Apply for Marine Pilot license. Document completion of all applicable requirements listed in 12 AAC 56.029 & 56.031.
 - [Board of Marine Pilot Statutes and Regulations](#)
AS 08.62 and 12 AAC 56