

Chapter 56. Board of Marine Pilots.

(Words in **boldface and underlined** indicate language being added; words [CAPITALIZED AND BRACKETED] indicate language being deleted.)

12 AAC 56.080 is amended to read:

12 AAC 56.080. Biennial license renewal. (a) Deputy marine pilot and marine pilot licenses expire on December 31 of even numbered years.

(b) To renew a marine pilot license, a marine pilot shall submit

(1) a completed renewal application on a form provided by the department; the application must demonstrate that the applicant meets the requirements of AS 08.62.120, including compliance with (c) of this section;

(2) on a form provided by the department, verification of a physical examination of the marine pilot conducted by a licensed physician within 60 days before the date of license renewal, including an examination of the marine pilot's eyesight, hearing, blood pressure, physical agility, and cognitive capabilities, confirming that the marine pilot is physically fit to perform the duties of a marine pilot;

(3) verification that the marine pilot participates in a federal or state approved random drug testing program as specified in 12 AAC 56.940(b);

(4) the biennial license renewal fee established in 12 AAC 02.240;

(5) a current copy of the marine pilot's valid Coast Guard license of not less than 1,600 gross tons with an endorsement of first class pilotage for the pilotage region where the marine pilot holds a license; and

(6) verification that the marine pilot has met the continuing education requirements of 12 AAC 56.083.

(c) To meet the requirements of AS 08.62.120(a)(4), **except as provided under (i) of this section,** an applicant for license renewal shall

(1) document the piloting experience required in AS 08.62.120(a)(4)(A); or

(2) document having completed within one year immediately preceding the date of application for renewal the familiarization trips required in 12 AAC 56.082 in the region for which renewal is sought.

(d) For the purpose of fulfilling the requirements of (c) of this section, no more than one day's credit for piloting will be given in any one calendar day, and each day's credit must involve a vessel movement.

(e) To renew a deputy marine pilot license, a deputy marine pilot must meet the requirements of (b) and (c) of this section, except that the deputy marine pilot must meet the requirements of (c) of this section for each complete calendar year that the deputy marine pilot held a deputy marine pilot license.

(f) Repealed 1/29/2009.

(g) Repealed 6/11/2010.

(h) A marine pilot who transfers to a different region during the concluding licensing period must meet the requirements of (c) of this section for each complete calendar year that the license has been held in the region during the concluding licensing period.

(i) The board will accept the following documentation from an applicant for license renewal towards fulfillment of the requirements set out in (c) of this section:

(1) Southeastern Alaska Region – on or before December 31, 2022, a pilot shall perform

(A) on vessels of 1,000 gross tons or tug and tows exceeding 1,000

combined gross tons that are not subject to AS 08.62, at least two round trips between Ketchikan and Skagway; not to include transits of Peril Straits or Wrangell Narrows due to limited vessel traffic; and

(B) on vessels of 1,000 gross tons or more, one round trip or two one-way trips

(i) through Snow Pass;

(ii) through Decision Pass;

(iii) through North Inian Pass;

(iv) into Sitka;

(v) in Gastineau Channel; and

(vi) over Tracy Arm Bar or into Endicott Arm; and

(vii) into Glacier Bay;

(2) Southcentral Alaska Region – on or before December 31, 2022, a pilot shall provide proof of a combination of 30 days

(A) working as a master or pilot on an enrolled vessel or as a pilot on a vessel subject to AS 08.62; and

(B) as an observer on an enrolled vessel or vessel subject to AS 08.62

that

(i) successfully performs five dockings and five undockings including at least one docking and undocking in each of the three areas; Cook Inlet, Kodiak Island Group, and Prince William Sound; or

(ii) for a pilot with a VLCC endorsement, successfully performs five dockings and undockings on tankers at the Valdez oil terminal,

with at least two dockings and undockings being on VLCC vessels;

(3) Western Alaska Region – on or before December 31, 2022, a pilot shall provide proof of 60 days piloting a vessel subject to AS 08.62 or 60 familiarization trips on vessels subject to AS 08.62 in any port of Western Alaska Region. (Eff. 6/11/71, Register 38; am 6/19/74, Register 50; am 6/12/78, Register 66; am 7/24/83, Register 87; am 8/29/87, Register 103; am 5/14/93, Register 126; am 11/7/93, Register 128; am 4/7/95, Register 134; am 3/21/99, Register 149; am 5/31/2000, Register 154; am 2/12/2005, Register 173; am 7/15/2006, Register 179; am 9/12/2006, Register 179; am 5/26/2007, Register 182; am 1/29/2009, Register 189; am 6/11/2010, Register 194; am ____/____/_____, Register _____)

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