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§ 12.02-17 Preparation and issuance of documents.

(a) Upon application of a person for a merchant mariner's document, any required examination will be given as soon as practicable.

(b) Upon determining that the applicant satisfactorily meets all requirements for the document and any endorsements requested, the Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection, shall issue the appropriate document to the applicant. A merchant mariner's document is valid for a term of 5 years from the date of issuance. Any document which is renewed or reissued prior to its expiration date automatically becomes void upon issuance of the replacement document.

(c) When a person applies for a merchant mariner's document, he or she must—

- (1) Sign the document; and
- (2) Provide acceptable proof of identity as described in § 12.02-12.

(d) For recordkeeping purposes, the official identification number is a seaman's social security number.

(e) After July 31, 1998, an applicant for a merchant mariner's document who will be serving on a seagoing vessel of 200 GRT or more shall provide a document issued by a qualified medical practitioner attesting the applicant's medical fitness to perform the functions for which the document is issued.

(f) An applicant for a certificate of service or efficiency who has been duly examined and refused a certificate by an Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection may come before the same Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection for reexamination at any time after the date of the initial examination. The Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection sets the time of reexamination based on the applicant's performance on the initial examination. However, the maximum waiting period after the initial failure will be 30 days, and the maximum waiting period after a second or subsequent failure will be 90 days.

(g) An applicant who has been examined and refused a certificate by an Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection may not make application for examination to any other Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection until 30 days after the applicant's last failure of an examination or

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reexamination. However, an applicant may apply for examination by another Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection before the expiration of the 30 day period if sanctioned by the Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection who refused the applicant.

(h) The mariner shall return the previous MMD when a new MMD is issued.

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§ 12.02-18 Fees.

(a) Use table 12.02-18 to determine the fees that you must pay for merchant mariner document activities in this part.

(b) Unless otherwise specified in this part, when two documents are processed on the same application—

(1) *Evaluation fees.* If a merchant mariner document transaction is processed on the same application as a license or certificate of registry transaction, only the license or certificate of registry evaluation fee will be charged;

(2) *Examination fees.* If a license examination under part 10 also fulfills the examination requirements in this part for a merchant mariner document, only the fee for the license examination is charged; and

(3) *Issuance fees.* A separate issuance fee will be charged for each document issued.

(c) You may pay—

(1) All fees required by this section when you submit your application; or

(2) A fee for each phase at the following times:

(i) An evaluation fee when you submit your application.

(ii) An examination fee before you take the first examination section.

(iii) An issuance fee before you receive your merchant mariner document.

(d) If you take your examination someplace other than a Regional Examination Center (REC), you must pay the examination fee to the REC at least one week before your scheduled examination date.