

these individuals, their heirs or legal representatives, are entitled to all the privileges provided to members of the Armed Forces under the pension laws of the United States.

§ 7114. Fees

The Secretary may prescribe by regulation reasonable fees for the inspection of and the issuance of a certificate, license, or permit related to small passenger vessels and sailing school vessels.

(Pub. L. 98-89, Aug. 26, 1983, 97 Stat. 541.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Table with 2 columns: Revised section, Source section (U.S. Code). Row 1: 7114, 46:390a(b)

Section 7114 allows the Secretary to prescribe reasonable fees for the issuance of a certificate of inspection, license, or registry, or permits related to small passenger vessels and sailing school vessels.

[§ 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 Repealed.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

Table with 2 columns: Sec., Description. Rows 7301-7314 covering general, issuing, possession, citizenship, oaths, requirements, able seamen, and service requirements.

Table with 2 columns: Sec., Description. Rows 7315-7319 covering Training, Lifeboatmen, Tankermen, Radiotelegraph operators, and Records of merchant mariners’ documents.

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.

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

Table with 2 columns: Revised section, Source section (U.S. Code). Row 1: 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.

AMENDMENTS

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

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