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COMMANDANT INSTRUCTION 1200.2

Subj: QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED TO EARN THE MARINE SAFETY INSIGNIA

Ref: (a) Military Qualifications and Insignia, COMDTINST M1200.1 (series)  
(b) Uniform Regulations, COMDTINST M1020.6 (series)

1. PURPOSE. This Instruction outlines the policies and procedures for earning the Marine Safety Insignia.
2. ACTION. All Coast Guard unit commanders, commanding officers, officers-in-charge, deputy/assistant commandants, and chiefs of headquarters staff elements will comply with the provisions of this Instruction. Internet release is authorized.
3. DIRECTIVES AFFECTED. Reference (a) must be updated to include reference to this Instruction as the qualifications required to earn the Marine Safety Insignia and remove the requirements needed to earn the Marine Safety Insignia.
4. DISCUSSION. The Marine Safety field is a major contributor of Coast Guard service to the public, and is well represented in the Coast Guard's three roles of Maritime Safety, Maritime Security, and Maritime Stewardship. This insignia recognizes members who have obtained the skills and experience to be considered professionals within the Marine Safety field as they manage and execute Coast Guard missions.
5. DISCLAIMER. This guidance is not a substitute for applicable legal requirements, nor is it itself a rule. It is intended to provide operational guidance for Coast Guard personnel and is not intended to nor does it impose legally-binding requirements on any party outside the Coast Guard.

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6. ENVIRONMENTAL ASPECT AND IMPACT CONSIDERATIONS

- a. The development of this Instruction and the general policies contained within it have been thoroughly reviewed by the originating office in conjunction with the Office of Environmental Management, Commandant (CG-47). This Instruction is categorically excluded under current Department of Homeland Security (DHS) categorical exclusion DHS (CATEX) A3 from further environmental analysis in accordance with the U.S. Coast Guard Environmental Planning Policy, COMDTINST 5090.1 and the Environmental Planning (EP) Implementing Procedures (IP).
- b. This Instruction will not have any of the following: significant cumulative impacts on the human environment; substantial controversy or substantial change to existing environmental conditions; or inconsistencies with any Federal, State, or local laws or administrative determinations relating to the environment. All future specific actions resulting from the general policy in this Instruction must be individually evaluated for compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Environmental Effects Abroad of Major Federal Actions, Executive Order 12114, Department of Homeland Security (DHS) NEPA policy, Coast Guard Environmental Planning policy, and compliance with all other applicable environmental mandates.

7. DISTRIBUTION. No paper distribution will be made of this Instruction. An electronic version will be located on the Commandant (CG-612) web site. Internet: <http://www.dcms.uscg.mil/directives/>, and CGPortal: <https://cgportal2.uscg.mil/library/directives/>.

8. RECORDS MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS. This Instruction has been evaluated for potential records management impacts. The development of this Instruction has been thoroughly reviewed during the directives clearance process, and it has been determined there are no further records scheduling requirements, in accordance with Federal Records Act, 44 U.S.C. 3101 et seq., National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) requirements, and Information and Life Cycle Management Manual, COMDTINST M5212.12 (series). This policy does not have any significant or substantial change to existing records management requirements.

9. DESCRIPTION. Reference (b), the Marine Safety Insignia is a gold rectangle with a trident extending within its length. A gold compass rose is centered above the trident with a silver shield covering the center of the compass rose. A braided rope runs the length of the trident and is intertwined with the compass rose.

- a. The trident represents the three areas within the Prevention community – Commercial Vessel and Facility Inspections, Marine Investigations, and Waterways Management – and is also the recognized symbol of the Marine Science Technician rating.
- b. The compass rose is a recognized symbol of the world, acknowledging the Prevention community's worldwide reputation, influence, and duty stations.
- c. The shield represents the safety and protection of people, property, and the environment.

- d. The combination of silver and gold in the same insignia represents enlisted members (silver) and the officer corps (gold). Not having a separate color insignia for each symbolizes the similarity of competencies required to fulfill the mission, regardless of rank/rate.
  - e. The braided rope represents the Coast Guard seal, the Service, and its maritime heritage. The rope intertwined among the other symbols represents the coordination between all Prevention personnel and operations for successful mission completion.
10. ELIGIBILITY. Enlisted members (E-4 and above) and officers of the Coast Guard and Coast Guard Reserve, and Coast Guard civilian employees who meet the criteria outlined in the Instruction may be awarded the Marine Safety Insignia.
11. CRITERIA FOR TEMPORARY ENTITLEMENT. Eligible personnel are authorized for temporary wear when they meet the following conditions:
- a. Attained four qualifying competencies as outlined in Enclosure (1).
  - b. Assigned to a billet of qualifying experience as outlined in Enclosure (2).
  - c. Certified by an issuing authority.
  - d. The temporary insignia may only be worn while actively serving in a billet of qualifying experience for which the issuing authority approved the insignia. Upon transfer to a new billet, the insignia must be removed from the uniform. Only one temporary insignia may be worn at a time.
12. CRITERIA FOR PERMANENT ENTITLEMENT. Eligible personnel are authorized for permanent wear when they meet the following conditions:
- a. Attained four qualifying competencies as outlined in Enclosure (1).
  - b. Completed five years of qualifying experience as outlined in Enclosure (2).
  - c. Certified by an issuing authority.
13. ISSUING AUTHORITY. The issuing authorities for the Marine Safety Insignia are unit commanders and commanding officers of the unit types outlined in Enclosure (2). Commandant (CG-741) is the issuing authority for individuals not currently assigned to a unit of qualifying experience, for those who began serving in the Marine Safety field prior to 1 January 1990, and for any separated or retired individuals. Issuing authorities must ensure that all requirements have been met before certification and that supporting documentation is entered in Direct Access.

14. DOCUMENTATION. For permanent entitlement, the Marine Safety Insignia Certificate, maintained electronically on the Portal by Commandant (CG-741), must be signed and issued by the issuing authority. The unit's Servicing Personnel Office (SPO) must record award of the insignia in Direct Access and in the member's Personnel Data Record (PDR). For temporary entitlement, a Form CG-3307 (Page 7) entry must be made.
  
15. FORM/REPORTS. Forms referenced in this Instruction can be found here: <https://dcms.uscg.afpims.mil/Our-Organization/Assistant-Commandant-for-C4IT-CG-6/The-Office-of-Information-Management-CG-61/Forms-Management/CG-Forms/>, and, at CGPortal: <https://cg.portal.uscg.mil/library/forms/SitePages/Home.aspx>.
  
16. REQUEST FOR CHANGES. All requests for changes should be directed to Commandant (CG-741) who will coordinate a review of any proposed change with Commandants (CG-5P), (CG-5R), and PSC

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Enclosures: (1) Qualifying Competencies  
(2) Qualifying Experience

## **Qualifying Competencies**

### Domestic Vessel

T-Boat Inspector (TI)  
K-Boat Inspector (KI)  
Barge Inspector (BI)  
Dry-dock Inspector (DI)  
Hull Inspector (HI)  
Hull Inspector – Tankship (HT)  
Machinery Inspector (MI)  
Machinery Inspector – Steam (MS)  
Mobile Offshore Drilling Unit Inspector (MU)  
Offshore Supply Vessel Inspector (OI)  
Commercial Fishing Vessel Examiner (FVSE)  
Inspected Towing Vessel Inspector (ITVI)  
[or predecessor Uninspected Towing Vessel Examiner (UT)]

### Foreign Vessel

Port State Control Examiner (PSCE)  
[or predecessor PSC Boarding Officer (EI)]  
Foreign Freight Vessel Examiner (FFVE)  
Foreign Tank Vessel Examiner (FTVE)  
Foreign Chemical Tanker Examiner (FCTE)  
Foreign Gas Carrier Examiner (FGCE)  
Foreign Passenger Vessel Examiner (FPVE)  
[or predecessor Control Verification Examiner (CV)]

### Facility Inspections

Facility Inspector (EU)  
Container Inspector (EC)  
Explosive Handling Supervisor (EB)

### Investigations

Maritime Enforcement Investigator (EO)  
Marine Casualty Investigator (FO)  
Suspension and Revocation Investigator (FN)  
Suspension and Revocation Hearing Investigator (CVSRO)

### Incident Management

Pollution Responder (ED)  
[or predecessor Pollution Investigator]  
Federal On-Scene Coordinator's Representative (ET)

Strike Team

Response Member (EE)  
Response Technician (EF)  
Response Supervisor (EG)  
Response Officer (EH)

Waterways Management & Contingency Planning

Waterways Management Representative (WWM-REP)  
Contingency Planner (CP)  
Harbor Safety Officer (EK)

Mariner Credentialing

License and Document Evaluator (FG)  
License and Seamen Document Examiner (FE)

Obsolete Competencies: Personnel may use previous versions of listed competencies to meet the four competency criteria. However, double counting will not be allowed. A revised competency cannot count as one of the four if the member also intends to count the original version of the competency. For example, a member may use the legacy Control Verification Examiner (CV) competency to help fulfill the insignia criteria, but may not also use the current Foreign Passenger Vessel Examiner (FPVE) competency. Any questions regarding prior competencies must be referred to the issuing authority for final determination

## **Qualifying Experience**

Service at the following unit types and programs, in a billet with direct and regular involvement in Marine Safety operations that would allow them to earn qualifying competencies as determined by the Unit Commander or Commanding Officer, satisfies the qualifying experience criteria for the Marine Safety Insignia:

- Activities Europe or Far East
- Container Inspection Training and Assistance Team
- Detached Duty Marine Inspector billet
- Incident Management Assistance Team (IMAT)
- Marine Inspection Detachment
- Marine Safety Detachment
- Marine Safety Unit
- Regional Inspection Office
- Sector
- Strike Team
- National Strike Force Coordination Center
- National Center of Expertise
- Marine Industry Training Program
- Marine Safety Center
- Commandant (CG-ENG)
- Legacy Marine Inspection Offices, Marine Safety Offices, Groups, and Activities
- Eighth District Outer Continental Shelf Division

Commands of units not listed above may submit a written request for determination of eligibility to Commandant (CG-741) via their chain of command.