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## ABLE SEAFARER

An unlicensed member of the deck department of a merchant ship. An AB may work as a watchstander, a day worker, or a combination of these roles.

### SEA SERVICE REQUIREMENTS

- AB Unlimited** 1080 days deck service on Oceans or Great Lakes
- AB Limited** 540 days deck service on vessels 100 GRT or over, not exclusive to rivers & small inland lakes of the U.S.
- AB Special** 360 days sea service on any navigable waters of the U.S.
- AB OSV** 180 days deck service on any navigable waters of the U.S.
- AB Fishing** 180 days of service on any navigable waters of the U.S. "Combi" is not deck service (Valid only on fish processing vessels)
- AB Sail** 180 days deck service on sailing school, oceanographic vessels powered primarily by sail or equivalent sailing vessels on any navigable waters of the U.S. (Valid only on sailing school vessels)
- AB MODU** 360 days service on vessels 65 feet or over on any navigable waters of the U.S.
- Minimum Age Required: 18 years**

### APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Completed USCG Application including sea service documentation
- USCG Physical Examination
- USCG Drug Test
- Transportation Workers Identification Card (TWIC)

### TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

- **STCW Basic Safety Training** **40 hours**  
First Aid/ CPR; Personal Safety and Social Responsibility; Personal Survival Techniques & Basic Marine Firefighting
- **Able Seaman Course** **80 hours**
- **Proficiency in Survival Craft (Lifeboatman) Course** **40 hours**
- **Rating Forming Part of a Navigation Watch Assessments** **8 hours**

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