



QMED **(Qualified Member of the Engineering Dept.)**

QMED's are qualified ratings in the engineering department on board a vessel. It is the starting point for any merchant mariner engineer's license.

SEA SERVICE REQUIREMENTS

180 days of service in a rating at least equal to that of a wiper or coal passer.

- Electrician/Refrigerating Engineer
- Oiler
- Fireman/Watertender
- Junior Engineer
- Pumpman/Machinist
- QMED – Any Rating (must hold all 5 ratings to be endorsed) Approved training programs, other than those classified as a school ship, may substitute for up to one-half of the required service. **OR**

(1) A graduate of a school ship may qualify for a rating endorsement as QMED, without further service, upon satisfactory completion of the program of instruction. For this purpose, school ship is interpreted to mean an institution that offers a complete approved program of instruction, including a period of at-sea training, in the skills appropriate to the rating of QMED. (Please refer to COAP for approved school ships and the scope of their approvals.) (2) Training programs, other than those classified as a school ship, may be substituted for up to one-half of the required service. The service/training ratio for each program is determined by the Coast Guard. (Please refer to COAP.)

Minimum Age Required: 18 years

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

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

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TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

- **STCW Basic Safety Training** **40 hours**
First Aid/ CPR; Personal Safety and Social Responsibility; Personal Survival Techniques & Basic Marine Firefighting
- **QMED Course** **120 hours**
- **Proficiency in Survival Craft (Lifeboatman) Course** **40 hours**

NOTES:

- Original single ratings of Pumpman, Machinist, Electrician or Refrigerating Engineer will no longer be issued. Mariner can only be issued combined ratings of Pumpman/Machinist and/or Electrician/Refrigerating Engineer.
- Mariners holding a single rating that is now combined and request the combined rating will need to pass the appropriate exam.
- Original endorsements of Deck Engineer, Deck Engine Mechanic or Engineman will no longer be issued.
- Mariners may renew any previous endorsement as is

Contact our Registration Department for more information
