

In all such cases the candidate's application should be accompanied by certificates of watch-keeping service signed by the master. (See Appendix J.)

The proportion of the time which will be accepted will depend upon the particular circumstances of each case, but in no case will time spent in the home trade be accepted as equivalent to more than two-thirds of the same period of time spent in the foreign trade. Every case in which a candidate claims such services as qualifying must be referred to the Principal Examiner.

Service as second mate in the home trade will not be accepted as qualifying for examination for a master's certificate (foreign-going).

Service in a lower grade than second mate in the home trade will not be recognized as officer's service towards qualifying a candidate for examination for a foreign-going certificate unless the candidate can produce a testimonial certifying that the service was merely a preliminary to, or the finish of, a foreign-going voyage in the same ship, and that he served on the foreign voyage in a capacity not lower than the capacity in which he served on the home-trade articles. (94.)

112a. Service in Restricted-limits Ships.—For restricted-limits certificates service in the foreign trade or in the home trade is equivalent to service in river limits or extended-river limits; but time served in ships employed trading within river limits and extended river limits does not count as service at sea for the purpose of obtaining a certificate for a seagoing ship, with the exception that service in extended river limits will, proportionally or wholly, as is prescribed in these regulations, count as qualifying-service for home trade and other New Zealand local certificates.

113. Service in Ships trading Abroad.—Service in ships trading entirely abroad will be accepted as equivalent to service in foreign-going ships provided that the distance between the extreme ports visited during the course of the voyage is at least five hundred miles. If the distance is less than five hundred miles, the service will only be accepted as equivalent to service in the home trade. (95.)

114. Nature of Service determined by Actual Position on Board Ships.—Sea service in the foreign or home trade cannot be regarded as qualifying for examination for certificates of competency unless it can be verified by reference to the articles of the ship in which it was performed—*e.g.*, service claimed by the testimonial or otherwise to have been as mate when the actual rating as shown by the articles was only that of boatswain or other petty officer will not be accepted where officer's service is required. (96.)

115. Officer's Service.—For the purpose of these regulations service as first mate means service as the officer next in seniority to the master. Service as junior or auxiliary first mate, or as first mate under a "chief officer," will count as equivalent to service as the second of three watch-keeping officers for qualifying purposes. The facts in each case must be clearly established by the candidate's certificates of watch-keeping service.

For the definition of "watch-keeping service" see para. 116. (97.)

116. Watch-keeping Service.

(a) For First Mate.—When service in charge of a watch is specified in the regulations candidates for certificates of competency as first mate must be able to prove that out of the eighteen months' service required at least fifteen months have been spent in effective charge of a watch for not less than eight hours out of each twenty-four hours' service at sea. The remaining three months may be service as junior of two watch-keeping officers, but such time will count only as half its duration for qualifying purposes. The exact nature of a candidate's service must be clearly established by a certificate signed by the master in the form indicated in Appendix J.

(b) For Master.—During the whole of the qualifying-service between first mate's and master's certificates that is specified by the regulations, candidates for a master's certificate will be required to have served in full charge of a watch for eight hours out of every twenty-four hours' service at sea. The candidate must produce references from the master stating clearly that he has had sole charge of a watch for eight hours in each twenty-four hours' service at sea.

No service performed under the system of double watches, except as the senior officer, will be accepted as qualifying-service for a certificate of this grade. (98.)

117. Service in Possession of Certificate.—Officer's service, to be recognized as qualifying for purposes of examination, must be performed with the requisite certificate as specified in Appendix I.