



Changes to CG-MMC Policy Letters 02-18 and 01-21

The Coast Guard has published Change 1 to CG-MMC Policy Letter 02-18, Guidelines for Qualifications of Personnel for Issuing STCW Endorsements for Basic and Advanced Polar Code Operations, and Change 1 to CG-MMC Policy Letter 01-21, Guidelines for Qualifying for STCW Endorsements for Basic and Advanced IGF Code Operations.

Change 1 to CG-MMC Policy Letter 02-18 revises the policy letter to add a discussion of the requirements for renewal of Basic and Advanced Polar Code Operations endorsements and to remove transitional provisions that expired on July 1, 2020.

Change 1 to CG-MMC Policy Letter 01-21 revises the policy letter to add an additional method to renew the endorsement by providing evidence of being a qualified instructor of a Basic or Advanced IGF Code Operations course. This change also reduces the seagoing service required to renew an STCW for Basic or Advanced IGF Code Operations.

These policy letters, including these changes, are available on the [Coast Guard Merchant Mariner Credentialing policy website](#).

Mariners and other interested parties may contact the Mariner Credentialing Program Policy Division at MMCPolicy@uscg.mil or (202) 372-2357 with questions or feedback.

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