

**INCREASED AUXILIARY SUPPORT
FOR THE MARINE SAFETY,
SECURITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION PROGRAM**

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- " I AM PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A HOST OF M-SPECIFIC AUXILIARY QUALIFICATIONS (PQSS). AUXILIARISTS HAVE LONG BEEN INVITED TO PURSUE DESIGNATION IN A NUMBER OF THE PRE-EXISTING M PQSS, WHICH WERE DEVELOPED PRIMARILY FOR FULL-TIME AND RESERVE CG PERSONNEL, BUT THE 10 PQSS PROMULGATED IN THIS MESSAGE ARE ENGINEERED SPECIFICALLY FOR AUXILIARISTS AND WILL ENABLE AUXILIARY PERSONNEL TO MORE FULLY AUGMENT M UNIT COMMANDERS IN THEIR EXECUTION OF KEY MISSION AREAS." RADM PAUL J. PLUTA

THE "M" AUXILIARY QUALIFICATIONS INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

1. ASSISTANT CONTAINER INSPECTOR (AUX-CI)
2. ASST POLLUTION INVESTIGATOR (AUX-ED)
3. ASST HARBOR SAFETY SPECIALIST (AUX-EK)
4. ASST POLLUTION RESPONSE SPECIALIST
(AUX-ET)
5. ASST FACILITIES INSPECTOR (AUX-EU)
6. ASST LIFERAFT INSPECTOR (AUX-LR)
7. MARINE ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION
SPECIALIST (AUX-MEES)

THE "M" AUXILIARY QUALIFICATIONS

8. MARINE SAFETY ADMINISTRATIVE AND MANAGEMENT SPECIALIST (AUX-MSAM)
9. MARINE SAFETY WATCHSTANDER (AUX-MSW)
10. UNINSPECTED PASSENGER VESSEL EXAMINER (AUX-UPV)

PQS BOOKLETS AVAILABLE VIA THE CG INTRANET AT

[HTTP://CGWEB.COMDT.USCG.MIL/G-MR/MR-P/PQSS.HTM.](http://cgweb.comdt.uscg.mil/g-mr/mr-p/pqss.htm)

USCG ACTIVE DUTY PQSS

- AUXILIARISTS HAVE LONG BEEN INVITED TO PURSUE DESIGNATION IN A NUMBER OF THE PRE-EXISTING 'M' PQSS, WHICH WERE DEVELOPED PRIMARILY FOR FULL-TIME AND RESERVE CG PERSONNEL.
- USCG PQSS ARE EARNED BY AUXILIARISTS AND USED IN 'M' FIELD UNIT AUGMENTATION.
- MOST FREQUENTLY EARNED AND USED IS COMMERCIAL FISHING VESSEL EXAMINER (CFVE)

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN:

- “THIS INITIATIVE IS DESIGNED TO ENHANCE THE AUXILIARY’S ABILITY TO AUGMENT THE EFFORTS OF THE ‘M’ PROGRAM.”
- “THE NEEDS OF ‘M’ FIELD UNITS ARE THE DRIVING FORCE BEHIND THIS INITIATIVE.”

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN:

- “EACH ‘M’ UNIT FIELD COMMANDER TO REVIEW THE AVAILABLE ‘M’ AUX. PQSS, DETERMINE WHICH ARE NEEDED IN YOUR AOR”
- “WORK WITH YOUR AUXILIARY LIASON TO IDENTIFY AUX MEMBERS IN YOUR AREA WHO ARE WILLING AND ABLE TO PURSUE SPECIFIC QUALIFICATIONS.”

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN:

- “THE ACTIVE DUTY TRAINING COORDINATOR AT EACH ‘M’ FIELD UNIT WILL SERVE AS THE INITIAL MENTOR AND VERIFYING OFFICER IN A “TRAIN THE TRAINER” APPROACH”.
- “UPON CERTIFICATION, AUXILIARISTS WILL SERVE AS THE MENTOR AND VERIFYING OFFICER FOR SUCCESSIVE AUXILIARISTS SEEKING QUALIFICATION IN A PARTICULAR PQS.”

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN:

- “MENTORS CAN SERVE AS VERIFYING OFFICER ONLY FOR THOSE QUALIFICATIONS IN WHICH THEY THEMSELVES ARE CERTIFIED.”
- “UPON COMPLETION OF THE PQS BOOKLET, CANDIDATES MUST PASS A QUALIFICATION PANEL, LEAD BY THE ACTIVE DUTY ‘M’ TRAINING COORDINATOR TO OBTAIN A DESIGNATION.”

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN:

- “PANEL MEMBERSHIP IS OPEN TO PERSONNEL FROM ANY CG ELEMENT.”
- ACTIVE DUTY, RESERVE, CIVILIAN, AND/OR AUXILIARISTS MAY SERVE AS PANEL MEMBERS.
- “PANEL MEMBERS MUST BE CERTIFIED IN THE SUBJECT QUALIFICATION OR A RELATED, HIGHER-LEVEL, ACTIVE DUTY PQS.”

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN:

- “BECAUSE OF THE UNIQUE NATURE OF THE AUX-MSAM PQS SUBJECT MATTER, VERIFICATION DUTIES FOR THIS QUALIFICATION WILL BE PERFORMED ONLY BY CHIEF, DEPARTMENT OF MARINE SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, USCG AUX (DC-M) OR DEPUTY CHIEF, USCG AUX (DC-MD)

DESIGNATION AND TRACKING OF QUALIFICATIONS:

- “UPON COMPLETION OF ALL CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS OF A PARTICULAR PQS, THE AFFILIATED ‘M’ UNIT COMMANDER WILL ISSUE A LETTER OF DESIGNATION TO THE MEMBER AND PROVIDE A COPY OF THE LETTER TO THE SPONSORING FLOTILLA COMMANDER.”

DESIGNATION AND TRACKING OF QUALIFICATIONS:

- “THE FLOTILLA COMMANDER WILL THEN VERIFY THE DESIGNATION AND FORWARD THE DESIGNATION LETTER TO THE ATTENDING DIRAUX, WHO WILL ENTER THE DESIGNATION INTO AUXDATA.”
- “LETTERS OF DESIGNATION SHOULD ONLY BE PROVIDED TO MEMBERS WHO HAVE COMPLETED THE PARTICULAR PQS BOOKLET IN ITS ENTIRETY.”

DESIGNATION AND TRACKING OF QUALIFICATIONS:

- “DESIGNATIONS BASED UPON ANYTHING OTHER THAN FULLY COMPLETED PQS BOOKLETS WILL BE CONSIDERED LOCAL QUALIFICATIONS” AND SHALL NOT BE CAPTURED IN AUXDATA.”

FUTURE PLANS:

- “THE SUBJECT PQS BOOKLETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE ON THE INTERNET VIA THE G-OCX AUXILIARY WEB SITE.”
- http://www.cgaux.info/g_ocx/publications/comdtinst/pqss/index.html

FUTURE PLANS:

- THE GUIDANCE PROMULGATED IN THIS MESSAGE WILL BE REFLECTED IN A FUTURE UPDATE TO THE MARINE SAFETY MANUAL, VOLUME 1, COMDTINST M16000.6.
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