

Title 46
PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL STANDARDS

Part LXX. River Pilots

Subpart 2. Board of River Port Pilot Commissioners

Chapter 31. General Provisions

§3101. Mission Statement

A. The mission of the Board of River Port Pilot Commissioners for the Port of New Orleans is to protect the health and welfare of the citizens and property in the state of Louisiana. Navigation on the Mississippi River is a hazardous endeavor. Safe and efficient navigation on the Mississippi River is essential to the prosperity of the nation and the state of Louisiana.

B. State pilots are the only maritime professionals whose exclusive duty is to protect the interests of Louisiana and its citizens. Pilots must manage and mitigate risk to enhance commerce and prosperity. Pilots must balance the commercial interests with safety and the interests of the citizens and property in the state to develop and encourage commerce.

C. Acknowledging that economic interests, environmental interests, and social policy are often in conflict, the board and the pilots collaborate with public interests, professional mariners, and users of the Mississippi River to balance these conflicting interests. The goal is to promote prosperity and safety while achieving environmental and commercial viability and to continue to develop and encourage such commerce.

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§3103. Definitions

A. The following terms shall have the following meaning as used in these rules.

Applicant—one who submits an application to become a river port pilot apprentice.

Apprentice—an applicant who has been selected to become a river port pilot pending successful completion of the apprenticeship program.

Apprentice Candidate—an applicant whose application has been certified by the board.

Apprentice Duties—any activity or requirement of the apprenticeship program as required by the commission.

Board—the Board of River Port Pilot Commissioners as defined in R.S. 34:991.

Commission—the appointment by the governor authorizing one to perform the duties of a river port pilot.

Commissioner—a member of the Board of River Port Pilots Commissioners for the Port of New Orleans as appointed and serving in accordance with state law.

Conviction—having been found guilty by judgment or by plea and includes cases of deferred adjudication (no contest, adjudication withheld, etc.) or where the court requires a person to attend classes, make contributions of time or money, receive treatment, submit to any manner of probation or supervision, or forgo appeal of a trial court finding. Expunged convictions must be reported unless the expungement was based upon a showing that the court's earlier conviction was in error.

Deputy Pilot—a commissioned river port pilot who is piloting subject to restrictions as set forth in these regulations

Drug—all controlled dangerous substances as defined in R.S. 40:961(7).

Marine Incident—a personal injury, loss of life, discharge of pollution, collision and/or allision, wave wash or suction resulting in an injury or damage, or hard grounding in which the vessel is damaged or needs assistance to be re-floated.

Pilot—river port pilots as defined in R.S. 34:992 or any person performing duties pursuant to a River Port Pilot Commission.

Prescription Medication—medication which can only be distributed by the authorization of a licensed physician as defined in R.S. 40:961(30).

Second Pilot—when a ship movement requires two pilots, the second pilot is to support and act as a resource to the first pilot.

Turn—a turn, for the purposes of recency only, shall be any pilotage of any vessel for 20 miles or any pilotage on a vessel that docks, undocks, anchors, un anchors or turns around in the river.

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§3105. Board of River Pilot Commissioners for the Port of New Orleans

A. The duties of the board are established pursuant to R.S. 34:991.

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§3107. Application

A. Any person wishing to submit an application to become an apprentice candidate must submit a written request for an application to the board at its address or by email. The board's current address is:

Board of River Port Pilot Commissioners
c/o Application Request
2728 Athania Pky.
Metairie, LA 70002
brppc@cox.net

B. All applications to become an apprentice candidate must be in writing, must be signed by the applicant, and presented to the board. All applications must be notarized and accompanied by satisfactory evidence of compliance with the board's requirements.

C. The board will issue a notice, that it will accept applications for the subsequent calendar year for selection into the River Port Pilot Apprenticeship Program.

D. The board will accept applications for selection into the River Port Pilot Apprenticeship Program from January 1 to October 31 of each year.

E. After October 31, the board will review the applications, schedule physicals, have background checks on the applicant, and certify that the applicants meet the criteria set forth by the board. Upon request, the board may allow the applicant to submit to a physical before October 31.

F. On or about January 1 the board will prepare a list of apprentice candidates eligible to be selected. The list shall remain in place until December 31 at which time the list will be withdrawn and a new list will be prepared in accordance with these regulations.

G. Any applicant who submits an application with false or misleading information or false, misleading, forged, or altered supporting documents will have their application deemed void. The board, in its discretion, may prohibit the applicant from submitting an application in the future. Nothing in this paragraph will affect the enforcement of state and federal laws regarding the submission of false information and documents to a state board.

H. When the pilots notify the board that there is a necessity for pilots, the board will submit to the pilots the list of eligible apprentice candidates as described in §3107.F, and pursuant to RS 34:993. The pilots will select the apprentice candidates.

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Chapter 32. Licensing, Qualifications, and Apprenticeship

§3201. General Qualifications

A. Applicant must be of good moral character. Evidence of a clear police record will be considered, but the board reserves the right to examine other sources of information as to the applicant's character.

B. Applicant is and has been a voter of the state of Louisiana continuously for at least two years before December 31 of the year the application is submitted.

C. Applicant must not have reached the age of forty prior to the first day of balloting on apprentices by the pilots.

D. Applicant shall not have been convicted of a felony offense involving either drugs or the personal consumption of alcohol for 60 months prior to December 31st of the year the application is submitted.

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§3203. Licensing Qualifications

A. Each applicant must meet the below listed requirements.

1. Each applicant must hold a United States Coast Guard First Class Pilot License of Steam or Motor Vessel of any gross tons for the Mississippi River from Southport to the Head of Passes and for the Inner Harbor Navigation Canal (Industrial Canal) from the Mississippi River to Lake Pontchartrain. In the event the Inner Harbor Navigation Canal is closed and or navigation on the canal is severely restricted. The board in its discretion may waive the requirement of a first class pilot license on all or part of the Inner Harbor Navigation Canal.

2. Each applicant must meet one of the following requirements:

a. a United States Coast Guard Master of Steam or Motor Vessels of less than 1600 gross registered tons or any upgrade thereof upon Inland Waters, Rivers or Lakes; or

b. a United States Coast Guard second mate's license (or any upgrade thereof) of steam or motor vessels of any gross tons upon oceans.

3. Each applicant must have held one of the licenses described in §3203.A.1, A.2.a, or A.2.b for a period of one year prior to December 31st of the year the application is submitted to become an apprentice candidate.

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§3205. Education Qualifications

A. The pilot apprentice applicant shall be a graduate from either The U.S. Merchant Marine Academy (deck curriculum), The U. S. Coast Guard Academy and qualified as officer-in-charge of a navigational watch, The U.S. Naval Academy and qualified as officer-in-charge of a navigational watch, The Great Lakes Maritime Academy (deck curriculum) or any other maritime academy approved by and conducted under rules prescribed by the federal maritime administrator and listed at Title 46, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 310. Additionally, each applicant must have held one of the licenses described in §3203. A.1., A.2.a., or A.2.b. for a period of one year prior to December 31 of the year the application is submitted to become an apprentice candidate.

B. Applicants shall document the aforementioned requirements by providing the board with an official transcript of the mandatory educational requirements.

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§3207. Physical Qualifications

A. The applicant, when requested, must be examined by a physician, clinic, or group of physicians of the board's choosing to determine the applicant's physical condition. The examination report must reflect to the board's satisfaction that the applicant's physical condition is satisfactory and commensurate with the work and responsibilities of a pilot, and will enable the applicant to safely perform the duties of pilotage. The board shall have no responsibilities for the examinations or their results. The applicant submitting to such examinations will hold the board harmless from any responsibility for any injury or loss, including attorneys' fees and the costs of defense, incurred as a result of the examination or the reliance by the board or any others on the results of such examination.

B. The applicant, when requested, shall submit to an examination by a mental health professional or group composed of such mental health professionals of the board's choosing. The report of this examination must reflect, to the board's satisfaction, that the applicant's mental condition and aptitude is satisfactory and commensurate with the work and responsibilities of a pilot, and will enable the applicant to safely perform the duties of pilotage. The board shall have no responsibility for the examinations or their results. The applicant submitting to such examinations will hold the board harmless from any responsibility for any injury or

loss, including attorneys' fees and the costs of defense, incurred as a result of the examination or the reliance by the board or any others on the results of such examination.

C. The applicants shall submit to drug and alcohol screening as directed by the board.

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§3209. Apprenticeship

A. The apprentice must serve a minimum of 12 months of apprenticeship. The apprentice will handle deep draft vessels over the operating territory under the tutelage of not less than 50 percent of the pilots. The apprentice must perform the duties of an apprentice in a professional, courteous, and prudent fashion. At all times the apprentice must be fit for duty, free from any substance that may adversely affect the apprentice's ability to perform apprentice duties. The apprentice must set forth in detail the names of the vessels handled, dates handled, draft, tonnage, between what points so moved, and the names of the supervising pilots. No apprentice shall be permitted to be examined for commissioning who has not fulfilled the requirements set forth by the board. The apprenticeship work must be certified by the board during the apprenticeship program. The board reserves the right to substitute work requirements, require satisfactory completion of additional trips, extended the apprenticeship, or terminate the apprenticeship when deemed necessary.

B. In compliance with R.S. 34:993, the board shall hold examinations of the apprentices as to their knowledge of pilotage and their proficiency and capability to serve as pilots. These examinations shall be given in such manner and shall take such form as the board may, in its discretion from time to time, elect.

C. The board shall certify for the governor's consideration those apprentices who satisfactorily complete all requirements established by state law and these rules and who complete and pass any examinations given by the board.

D. Should the apprentice fail any examination, violate any rule or regulation of the board, fail to fulfill the duties of an apprentice or engage in any conduct or activity that is unsafe, unprofessional and/or demonstrates a lack of judgment, the board, in its discretion, may terminate the apprenticeship, or may designate additional apprenticeship requirements to be satisfied by the apprentice before the apprentice may again petition the board for examination.

E. If an apprentice fails to successfully satisfy the requirements of the apprenticeship program within 24 months as determined by the board, the apprenticeship may be terminated at the board's discretion.

F. The apprentice shall submit to drug and alcohol screening as determined by the board in its discretion.

G. The apprentice shall report to the board any change in their physical or mental condition that may, in any way, affect their performance as an apprentice.

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§3211. Age Restrictions

A. A pilot shall be required to resign their pilot commission in the calendar year the pilot attains the age of 70.

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Chapter 33. Deputy Pilots

§3301. Restricted Duties Guidelines

A. The deputy pilot development program is a mandatory program administered by the board to develop pilot skill after the pilot receives a pilot commission or license.

B. The deputy pilots shall adhere to the guidelines and restrictions established by the board which may factor the following considerations:

1. length of the vessel;
2. cargo carried by the vessel;
3. draft of the vessel;
4. river stage;
5. visibility restrictions;
6. designating the deputy pilot to serve as a second pilot;
7. restrict the deputy pilot from performing certain pilot services during the deputy period;
8. any restrictions the board may seem appropriate.

C. The deputy pilot shall be subject to restrictions until the board removes the restrictions.

D. The failure of the deputy pilot to adhere to these guidelines may subject the deputy pilot to disciplinary action at the board's discretion.

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Chapter 34. Drug and Alcohol Policy

§3401. Drug Use

A. Pilots and apprentices shall be free of the use of any drug as defined in §3103, excluding prescription medication as defined in §3103 so long as the use of such prescription medication does not impair the physical competence of the pilot.

B. The board shall designate a testing agency or agencies to perform scientific test or tests to screen for the presence of drugs. These drug tests shall be conducted at random, post incident, and for reasonable suspicion at the discretion of the board.

C. All pilots and apprentices shall submit to scientific testing and screening for drugs when directed by the board.

D. The results of drug testing and screening shall be confidential and disclosed only to the Board and the pilot tested, except that:

1. the board may report the results to the governor, the Board of Directors of the Crescent River Port Pilot Association, and the United States Coast Guard;

2. in the event that the board determines that a hearing is required, there shall be no requirement of confidentiality in connection with the hearing.

E. Any pilot or apprentice testing positive for drugs or any residual thereof shall be suspended from performing the duties of a pilot pending a hearing.

F. Any pilot or apprentice who refuses to submit to scientific testing or screening for drugs fails to cooperate fully with the testing procedures, or in any way tries to alter the test results shall be suspended pending a hearing. Such refusal shall be considered as a positive test.

G. Any pilots found to be in violation of this Section may be reprimanded, fined, evaluated, and/or treated for drug use and/or have their commission suspended or revoked. Any apprentice found in violation of this Section is subject to immediate termination of their participation in the apprenticeship program.

H. Any pilot required to undergo an evaluation and/or treatment shall do so at their own expense and responsibility; the physician, as well as the evaluation and treatment facility must be approved by the board.

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§3403. Alcohol Use

A. No pilot shall consume any alcohol of any nature whatsoever within six hours before, or during, the performance of pilotage duties.

B. No pilots shall perform their duties when their blood alcohol content is 0.04 or greater.

C. Any pilots who believe they would be in violation of any of these rules if he were to perform their duties is obligated to remove themselves from duty. The pilot is the absolute insurer of their state of mind, physical abilities, and overall well-being.

D. The board may require a pilot to submit to a blood alcohol test upon complaint or reasonable suspicion that a pilot is performing under the influence of alcohol while piloting.

E. Any pilot who refuses to submit to scientific testing or screening for alcohol fails to cooperate fully with the testing procedures, or in any way tries to alter the test results shall be suspended from performing the duties of a pilot pending a hearing. Such refusal to cooperate will be considered as a positive test.

F. Any pilot found to be in violation of this Section may be reprimanded, fined, evaluated and/or treated for alcoholism and/or have their commission suspended or revoked.

G. Any pilot who is required to undergo an evaluation and/or treatment shall do so at their own expense and responsibility; the physician, as well as the evaluation and treatment facility must be approved by the board.

H. The board reserves the right to set a stricter standard of alcohol use for apprentices. Any apprentice who in violation of this regulation or the higher standard established in the apprenticeship program is subject to immediate termination of their participation in the apprenticeship program.

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Chapter 35. Continuing Education

§3501. Continuing Professional Education

A. Every pilot seeking to maintain a pilot's commission must attend 40 hours of professional education classes and programs every five-year cycle as defined by the board.

B. In addition, the pilot must attend a man model ship training program every five years.

C. Professional education classes and programs must be approved by the board.

D. It shall be the responsibility of the pilot to attend the professional education approved by the board.

E. It shall be the responsibility of the pilot to file with the board proof that the pilot has attended the required professional education.

F. Any pilot who fails to attend the required professional may be reprimanded, fined, and/or suspended until the pilot complies with this Section.

G. The board, for good cause shown, may grant a waiver or extend the time for a pilot to complete the continuing professional education requirement.

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Chapter 36. Investigation, Competence, Complaints and Criminal Convictions

§3601. Marine Incident Investigation

A. Any pilot piloting a vessel involved or allegedly involved in a marine incident shall, as soon as practical, notify the board of the incident by telephone. However, said notice must occur within two hours of the incident.

B. The pilot shall provide the board a written report on the form provided by the board within two days after the marine incident was first reported.

C. The pilot shall be available to the board and cooperate with the board during the board's investigation of the marine incident.

D. The pilot shall provide the board a detailed written statement of the marine incident if requested by the board. The report shall be provided to the board with 10 days of the board's request. The board, in its discretion, may grant an extension.

E. A pilot failing to comply with these regulations may be reprimanded, fined, and/or suspended.

F. After its investigation of the marine incident, the board may render a findings and conclusions. The findings and conclusions is solely and exclusively the opinion of the board relative to the conduct of the pilot and is not intended to be introduced as evidence in legal proceedings. Pursuant to R.S. 34:1005 all communications between the pilot and the board are deemed confidential, and the findings and conclusions of the board shall not be deemed discoverable or relevant in any civil proceeding.

G. The board may, under the procedure herein set out, examine such cases of dereliction of duty of a pilot as come to their attention, and on the basis of such examination make recommendations to the governor relative to the pilot's commission. The pilot may elect to consent to such corrective or remedial steps as may be suggested by the board under the circumstances, waiving executive review. All violations of the regulations of any governmental agency by a pilot shall come within the purview of this Rule.

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§3603. Competence

A. All pilots shall complete at least 60 turns each calendar year.

B. Any pilot who has not piloted at least 60 turns in a calendar year shall be required to report the said absence to the board. Prior to returning to the duties of a pilot, the pilot must satisfy the return to duty requirements set forth by the board.

C. Any pilot or apprentice who for any reason becomes physically or mentally incompetent to perform the duties of a pilot is required to immediately notify the board.

D. Pilots are the absolute insurer of their state of mind, physical abilities, and overall well-being.

E. Any pilot who lacks the competency to perform the duties of a pilot shall be suspended from performing the duties of a pilot pending a hearing.

F. Pilots found to be incompetent may be evaluated and/or have their commission suspended or revoked.

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§3605. Complaints

A. Any person having cause to file a complaint against a pilot may file such complaint with the board.

B. The complaint may be sent to the board at its address.

Board of River Port Pilot Commissioners
2728 Athania Pky
Metairie, LA 70002
brppc@cox.net

C. The board shall investigate all complaints and take all appropriate action based on the nature of the complaint.

D. The board shall review all anonymous complaints and shall investigate and if necessary take appropriate action on complaints with merit in the board's discretion.

E. Any person wishing to make an anonymous complaint against a pilot may do so by calling the board at (504) 218-7477 or by forwarding an anonymous letter to the above address.

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§3607. Criminal Convictions

A. Any pilot or apprentice convicted of the following must notify the board prior to returning to duty as a pilot:

1. a felony;
2. any offense in which the use of drugs or alcohol is involved.

B. The board shall conduct a hearing to review the competency of any pilot who has been convicted of any offense described in §3607.A. The board, in its discretion, may find the pilot by virtue of the conviction incompetent.

C. Any pilot or apprentice who fails to comply with these regulations may be reprimanded, fined, and/or suspended.

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Chapter 37. Duty of the Pilot

§3701. Duty of the Pilot

A. The pilot's duties and responsibilities are particular to a pilotage area. A pilot is required to inform a vessel's navigators of the local conditions in the pilotage area. The pilot is required to possess qualities of expertise and knowledge in the territory of the pilotage waters.

B. The pilot is required to perform this service with the necessary skill and without neglect. The pilot is not the insurer of the vessel's safety. The vessel's master and the ship owner are responsible for the sufficiency of the ship and its equipment, the competence of the master, and the crew and their duty to appropriately respond to the advice provided by the pilot.

C. Notwithstanding the responsibility of the pilot to keep the vessel's crew apprised of the local conditions, the master or designee remains in command of the vessel and must intervene in the vessel's navigation if the master deems it is appropriate.

D. The pilot is required to maintain a current telephone number, text number, email, and address with the board in the manner prescribed by the board.

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Chapter 38. Pilotage Required

§3801. Pilot Required

A. A pilot is required on every vessel subject to pilotage any time the vessel is moved or relocated or if it is the intent to move or relocate the vessel.

B. A pilot is required or on any vessel that cannot maintain safe moorings or maintain its proper position at anchor.

C. The board shall enforce pilot laws pursuant to the law.

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Chapter 39. Hearings and Committees

§3901. Hearings

A. The board may conduct hearings to perform its duties. The board in its discretion may appoint a hearing officer to conduct investigations. The hearing officer shall not be a member of the board. The hearing officer shall timely conduct investigations subject to the hearing procedure established by the board. Upon the completion of the hearing, the hearing officer shall timely file a “report of hearing” with the board. The board in its discretion may

accept, modify, or reject the report and conduct an independent hearing.

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§3905. Committees

A. The board may create committees to assist the board in the performance of its duties.

B. The committee will be chaired by a member of the board and will report to the board.

C. The size and members of the committee shall be designated by the board.

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