Occupational Licensing Study
50 State Comparison

Navigation Commission for the Delaware River and its Navigable Tributaries

Maritime Pilots

Presented by the Pennsylvania Department of State
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Maritime Pilots

A person duly qualified to steer ships into or out of a harbor or through certain difficult waters.
Maritime Pilots
Licencure by State

States with 1 required examination
States with 0 required examinations
States that do not license this occupation

Examination Requirement
Maritime Pilots

Training / Experience Requirement

*In Pennsylvania, once individuals become licensed as sixth-class pilots, their training and experience must continue before they can attain a first-class license. To achieve this, they will serve for at least one year in each of five classes of licensure. The Commission issues the following classes of pilot licenses based on the maximum draft of the vessel that may be piloted: sixth-class license, a maximum draft of 27 feet; fifth class license, a maximum draft of 32 feet; fourth-class license, a maximum draft of 35 feet; third class license, a maximum draft of 40 feet; second-class license, a maximum draft of 45 feet; and first-class license, unlimited draft. Therefore, as a pilot gains more experience, the pilot commands larger vessels.

Continuing Education Requirement
Maritime Pilots

Initial Licensing Fee

* Initial licensing fee comparison excludes examination fees, background check fees, and finger printing fees.

Renewal Fees

*To allow for comparisons, all fees have been adjusted to biennial renewal cycles.
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## States with Reciprocity or Endorsement

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States that do not license this profession: Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, District of Columbia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming
Observation Section

The following states have specific requirements for licensure

Citizenship/Proof of Eligible Work Status Requirement

- Yes
- No
- States that do not license this profession

Good Moral Character

- Yes
- No
- States that do not license this profession

Minimum Age Requirement

- 18
- 21
- 25
- States that do not license this profession
- No minimum age requirement
Sources:
State Licensing Boards

Alabama
http://www.alabamaadministrativecode.state.al.us/do/cs/pilco/

Alaska
https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbp/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardofMarinePilots.aspx

California
https://bopc.ca.gov/

Connecticut

Delaware
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Florida
http://www.leg.state.fl.us/Statutes/index.cfm?
App_mode=Display_Statute&URL=0300-0399/0310/0310ContentsIndex.html&StatuteYear=2016&Title=-%3E2016-%3EChapter%20310

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http://cca.hawaii.gov/pvl/programs/port/

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http://www.dem.ri.gov/commissions/pilotage.php

South Carolina
https://www.llr.sc.gov/POL/Pilotage/index.asp?
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Washington
https://pilotage.wa.gov/about-us.html