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**MARITIME SERVICE
COMPLIANCE OBLIGATIONS**

**For the
State Maritime Academies
Class of 2015**

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CONGRATULATIONS

- **You will soon complete the Maritime Academy Regimental Program and the SIP Program Requirements.**
- **You will have completed All Sea Projects!**
- **You will soon pass the USCG License Exam**
- **You have stayed the course and now you are ready to GRADUATE.**
- **You have much to be proud of and in a month you will stand before Friends and Family and Declare to Everyone:**

THAT YOU MADE IT !

BRIEFING GOALS

- 1. Ensure you understand your service compliance obligation**
- 2. Ensure that if you have question in the future, you know where to find answers**
- 3. Encourage you to take full advantage of Career Fairs, Shipping Company visits and all training opportunities**

OBLIGATION REQUIREMENTS

Pre-Graduation:

- 1. Complete the course of instruction at the Academy**
- 2. Log into MSCS and update your contact information**
- 3. Pass USCG license exam**
- 4. Graduate**

Post-Graduation:

- 1. Service/Employment**
- 2. Maintain USCG Merchant Mariner Credential (MMC), TWIC, Medical Certificate**
- 3. Reserve Obligation**
- 4. Annual Reporting – Including Active Duty**

POST GRADUATION SERVICE

- **Serve in the foreign and domestic commerce and the national defense of the United States for at least three (3) years following graduation as:**
 - *A merchant marine officer on a U.S. documented vessel (150 days minimum)*
 - **A commissioned officer on active duty in the U.S. armed forces or uniformed service (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Corps or U.S. Public Health Service (USPHS) Corps)**
 - **With the Federal government in a maritime-related position that serves the national security interests. **Requires MARAD Approval****
 - **Foreign Flag. **Requires MARAD Approval. A graduate's first priority is to seek afloat employment on U.S. flag vessels.****
 - **You must submit evidence to MARAD that you have conscientiously sought afloat employment as a merchant marine officer on a U.S. documented vessel and that such employment is not available**

POST GRADUATION SERVICE (Continued)

- **Serve in the foreign and domestic commerce and the national defense of the United States for at least three (3) years following graduation:**
 - **Ashore, in a U.S. maritime related industry, profession or marine science. **Requires MARAD Approval****
 - **You must submit evidence to MARAD that you have conscientiously sought afloat employment as a merchant marine officer on a U.S. documented vessel and that such employment is not available**
 - **Only if MARAD determines that service afloat is not available to the individual**
 - **MARAD will grant the shoreside employment option infrequently and only on the basis of comprehensive evidence.**

SEA SERVICE CALCULATIONS

- **150 days afloat = good year**
- **1 day = 1 day**
- **12 month increments from date of Graduation**
 - **3 years service = 3 years from date of graduation**
 - **All report January 1 – March 1 each year**
- **Must be signed onboard in the capacity of a crew member or onboard as a Pilot trainee**
 - **Discharge certificate or letter of sea service required with annual reporting**

POST-GRADUATION REPORTING

- **Who is required to report?** **Everyone, including Active Duty Military**
- **How often do you report?** **Annually**
- **When is your first report due?** **NLT March 1, 2016**
 - **Reporting period is January 1- March 1 each year**
 - **Reporting is for the previous calendar year**
- **How many years do you need to report?**
 - **Minimum of 7 annual reports**
 - **Or until service obligation is fulfilled, 7+ years for deferrals**
- **How do I report?** **Maritime Service Compliance System**
 - **<https://mscs.marad.dot.gov/>**
 - **If unable to access MSCS, hard copy may be submitted**

POST-GRADUATION USCG CREDENTIAL & TWIC

- **Maintain a USCG Credential for minimum 6 years**
 - **USCG Credentials expire after 5 years so one upgrade or renewal is necessary**
 - **Maintain an officer endorsement and STCW endorsement**
- **Maintain a valid TWIC for 6 years**
- **Maintain a valid international medical certificate for 6 years**
- **Exemption: Active Duty ~ An individual who for the 5 year period following graduation serves as a commissioned officer on active duty in an armed forces of the U.S. or the uniformed service (NOAA or Public Health Service) shall be excused from this requirement but still must annually report compliance**

POST GRADUATION RESERVE COMMISSION

- **Apply for and accept, if tendered, an appointment as a commissioned officer in the reserves of the armed forces of the United States and maintain that commission for at least six (6) years after graduation**
- **Some Liaison Officers on campus for the armed forces**
- **Explore your options!**



SUMMARY

You must:

Pre-Graduation:

- 1. Complete the course of instruction at the Academy**
- 2. Log into MSCS and update your contact information**
- 3. Obtain a USCG Merchant Mariner Credential**
- 4. Graduate**

SUMMARY (Continued)

Post-Graduation:

1. **Sail, Active Duty, or Approved service - 3 years**
2. **Maintain a USCG Credential, with license and STCW endorsements, a valid medical certificate, and a TWIC for at least 6 years after graduation**
3. **Serve for a period of at least 6 years in the U.S. Naval Reserve, the USCG Reserve, or any other reserve unit of an armed force of the United States**
4. **Report compliance annually via Maritime Service Compliance System (MSCS)**

If you serve on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States for a minimum of 5 years you are exempt from obligations 2 & 3 above, but you still must annually report compliance.

ENFORCEMENT OF OBLIGATIONS

- Failure to meet any component of your obligation, including reporting, may result in a breach of your Service Obligation Commitment.
- If you are found in default prior to graduation:
 1. Referred to DOD for Active Duty Service in one of the US armed forces for up to **2** years, or
 2. Repay SIP Funds.
- If you are found in default after graduation:
 1. Referred to DOD for Active Duty Service in one of the US armed forces for not less than **2** years and not more than the unexpired portion of the **3** year service obligation , or
 2. Repay Your SIP Funds Received.

ASSISTANCE/QUESTIONS

Information on Your Service Obligation:

1. Your SIP Contract - **Copy available upon request**

2. Letter from the MARAD Administrator

3. MARAD MSCS Website:

<https://mscs.marad.dot.gov>

4. Questions about Service Obligation Compliance:

email: maritime.graduate@dot.gov

Phone: (202) 366-7618

ANY QUESTIONS

