ALAUX 19-15 - AUXILIARY MANDATED TRAINING (AUXMT) - FAQs AND "WHAT IF...?" SCENARIOS

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1. Overview: The following policy incentives and consequences related to AUXMT have been approved by Auxiliary national leadership and the Chief Director of Auxiliary, and shall be effective on January 1, 2016. Completion of AUXMT adheres to the following general policies:

a. All Auxiliarists who have a Base Enrollment Date (BED) prior to January 1, 2016 must complete AUXMT by December 31, 2016 to qualify, re-certify, and avoid REYR status, as applicable, in any competency.

b. All Auxiliarists who have a BED after December 31, 2015 must complete AUXMT by the end of the first full calendar year after their BED to qualify in any competency.

c. For all Auxiliarists, events occurring after January 1, 2016 such as eligibility for certain awards, elections, Auxiliary ID cards, C-Schools, and augmenting the Coast Guard will require AUXMT to be completed prior to those events regardless of their BED.

The details of these policies are given in the following: ALAUX - AUXILIARY MANDATED TRAINING (AUXMT) - NEW DELIVERY METHODS AND POLICY CHANGES - 010/15, dated 03 June 2015, at this link: http://tdept.cgaux.org/mt/ALAUX_AUXMT.pdf

2. To help clarify these policies, the following 12 "What if…?" scenarios are presented as Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs):

a. Elections/Appointments

(1) Q: Do I have to complete AUXMT if I'm elected or appointed to office in 2015 in order to serve in 2016?

A: No, in this case you may serve your full term in 2016 without having completed AUXMT. However, beginning on January 1, 2016 you must have completed and be current in all AUXMT in order to be nominated for elected office (i.e., by the date of nomination) or to be appointed to a staff office.

(2) Q: To be certified by the Director of Auxiliary, do Auxiliarists who are awaiting January 1, 2016 to begin their term of elected office need to complete AUXMT before this date?

A: No. Elections held and appointments made in 2015 (i.e., prior to January 1, 2016) for 2016 elected and appointed positions should be executed and certified by the Director of

Auxiliary without consideration of AUXMT completion. Beginning January 1, 2016 and in order to be nominated for elected office or to be appointed to a staff office, Auxiliarists must complete and be current in all AUXMT. This holds true for any elections and appointments that occur in 2016 and in the future.

(3) Q: So if an elected or appointed office opens up mid-term in 2016 and I'm the replacement, do I have to complete AUXMT?

A: Yes, in this case you must have completed and be current in all your AUXMT in order to be nominated for the elected office (i.e., by the date of nomination) or to be appointed to the staff office.

b. Activities/Orders/C-Schools

(4) Q: Regarding limited Coast Guard augmentation and participation in Coast Guard public affairs events, what is meant by the requirement that initial AUXMT completion and currency maintenance will be required to be eligible for augmentation positions at Coast Guard units or to participate in public affairs activities with other-than-Auxiliary personnel?

A: Starting January 1, 2016, Auxiliarists who provide augmentation at CG units directly alongside CG counterparts must have completed and be current in their AUXMT. Examples include: an Auxiliarist who works the front desk at a sector office; an AUXFS who cooks in the station galley; an Auxiliarist who helps with paperwork/filing in a DIRAUX office; an Auxiliarist who serves as part of a CG crew like QMOW on a cutter or on a CG small boat. Use of a CG exchange at a CG unit does not constitute augmentation for the purpose of this AUXMT provision, nor does attending an Auxiliary unit meeting (e.g., flotilla meeting; division meeting; member training forum) that is held at a CG unit. In addition, this provision does not apply to Auxiliarists who perform authorized activities at locations other than CG units such as attending Auxiliary meetings and training forums, vessel safety checks, boating safety course instruction, public affairs booths manned only by Auxiliary personnel, or meeting with other agency counterparts to coordinate boating safety efforts.

(5) Q: After January 1, 2016, is a member eligible for orders in the AOM system if they have not completed all their mandatory courses?

A: Yes, a member will still be eligible for orders after January 1, 2016. The reason is that AUXMT REYR implications kick in after the end of 2016 if a member has not completed their AUXMT requirements by then, and being in REYR at that point would make them ineligible for orders. As far as first-time qualifications are concerned, after January 1, 2016, AUXMT has to be completed like any other task before qualification is granted. All put another way, the answer would be "No" if the date in the question were changed to January 1, 2017.

(6) Q: I plan to attend the AUX-10 C-School as part of becoming the FSO-IS in 2016, do I have to complete AUXMT?

A: Yes, you cannot attend any C-Schools or National or Regional conferences under CG orders until you have completed and are current in AUXMT.

c. Qualifications/Certifications/Re-certifications

(7) Q: I completed the requirements for my last certification to become TRIDENT qualified in 2016, do I have to complete AUXMT?

A: Yes, beginning January 1, 2016, your certification and qualification in all competencies will not be made until all AUXMT is complete.

(8) Q: I must re-certify my Coxswain qualifications (3 year renewal) in 2016, do I have to complete AUXMT?

A: Yes, beginning January 1, 2016, re-certifications in all competencies will require completion of and currency in AUXMT.

(9) Q: My BED is January 1, 2016 and I expect to complete all tasks for VE qualification in 2016, do I have to complete AUXMT?

A: Yes, although you have until December 31, 2017 to complete your AUXMT, you must still complete your AUXMT prior to obtaining that qualification.

d. Awards

(10) Q: I am up for an award in 2016, do I have to complete AUXMT?

A: Beginning January 1, 2016, AUXMT completion and currency are required in order to receive any iteration of the Auxiliary Member Service Award, and in order to be nominated for the national Auxiliarist of the Year and Commodore Greanoff Inspirational Leadership Award. Auxiliary regions may implement a similar requirement for Auxiliarist of the Year recognition among their Auxiliary units.

e. Administrative

(11) Q: My CGAUX ID card expires in 2016 and I need a replacement, do I have to complete AUXMT?

A: Yes, beginning January 1, 2016, you must have completed all AUXMT to get an updated ID card.

(12) Q: I will reach my 15th year in 2017 and can retire without taking the mandated courses. Do I have to complete AUXMT in order to retire and receive all my retired benefits (retired ID card, notices, etc.)?

A: No, completion of AUXMT is required to continue in competencies, receive awards, hold office, etc., but it is not required to maintain membership; therefore, completion of AUXMT is not required to retain benefits from Auxiliary retirement.