

AQEC MEMORANDUM 2014-007

EVALUATING BC CANDIDATES FOR CERTIFICATION

QUESTION:

“Why do other Districts use different criteria for evaluating Auxiliary Boat Crew Candidates for initial and recertification?”



AQEC/SNC RESPONSE:

The Commandant of the Coast Guard is required by law to train, examine, and qualify Auxiliary members before assigning them to duty (14 U.S.C. 831).

The Qualification Examiner is a direct representative of the Commandant through the Operations Training Officer (OTO) at DIRAUX.

For the purpose of evaluating Auxiliary Candidates, the QE's must use the appropriate manuals as the standard since they are evaluating candidates throughout a Sector/District. QE's can't expect it to be done one way on the coast, another way on inland lakes, or another way in an adjoining District.

The Stan Team who developed the Auxiliary evaluation criteria were Active Duty USCG and USCG Auxiliary members as a team and established these guidelines as Commandant Instructions (COMDTINST).

The goal is to evaluate every candidate based on the criteria in the Auxiliary Boat Crew Qualification Guide and Auxiliary Boat Crew Training Manual for consistency throughout the USCG Auxiliary boat crew (surface operations) program.

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From Quotations with Character by W. David Edman

“Teaching mariners about risk assessment is to explain their actions may affect their life expectancy.”