



**US COAST GUARD AUXILIARY  
MARINE SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
DEPARTMENT**

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### **Auxiliary Specific Personal Qualifications Standards Policy for Local Unit Endorsement**

The original ten (10) Auxiliary Personal Qualification Standards (PQS) as approved and promulgated by ALCOAST 262/03 and *all* future Auxiliary Personal Qualification Standards (PQS), as may be approved and promulgated from time to time, establish the “Minimum” acceptable qualifications for each PQS to be considered for the Auxiliary Trident Program requirements.

A local unit may add additional requirements, to meet local conditions and Unit specific needs, to be met by an Auxiliarist before receiving a Letter of Endorsement for a PQS.

These additional qualifications should be added by the local Unit in the form of a local “Unit Endorsement” to the Auxiliary PQS.

A local Unit should not change, modify, waive or delete any qualification or requirement from a national Auxiliary Specific Personal Qualifications Standard. Any such change or modification may disqualify that PQS from consideration in meeting the Auxiliary Trident Program requirements. The allowable changes are the addition of local requirements, by Unit Endorsement, to the National PQS.

Additions to meet local Unit needs are entirely at the discretion of the local Unit. The local Unit may make any additions to the approved PQS that they deem necessary to meet the unique needs of their Unit.

The Auxiliary Specific Personal Qualification Standards (PQS) are national in scope and application and are intended to establish “minimum” national requirements for each Auxiliary PQS.

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