

Oregon Board of Maritime Pilots
Coos Bay/Yaquina Bay Bar Pilot Trainee Application
Instructions and Information

All individuals desiring to be selected for the Coos Bay/Yaquina Bay Bar Pilot trainee program must submit a completed application form.

Applicants are ranked by the following point system:

A. Academic:

1. Graduation from high school or equivalent certification: 10 points
 2. Two or more years at an accredited college or university: 5 points
 3. Post-graduate or professional degree: 5 points
 4. Completion of a four-year course of study at an accredited maritime academy: 10 points.
- Maximum total points under this section are 25.*

B. Previous Maritime Experience:

1. Federal First Class Pilot License for the Coos Bay Bar or the Yaquina Bay Bar : 10 points.
2. Federal unlimited radar observer endorsement: 5 points.
3. 1,460 or more active working days as master of towing vessels: 20 points.
4. 1,460 or more working days as master of vessels greater than 1600 gross tons: 10 points.
5. 50 or more crossings of the Coos Bay or Yaquina Bay bar as master of towing vessels or master of vessels greater than 1600 gross tons: 20 points.
6. Unlimited state pilot license for a pilotage ground other than Coos Bay bar or Yaquina Bay bar: 10 points.
5. Additional certified training in each of the following categories: Bridge Resource Management, Emergency Medical Training, Hazardous Materials, Marine Firefighting, Oil Spill Control: 1 point each, up to a maximum of 5 points.

Maximum total points under this section are 55.

- C. Interview:** Every applicant with a combined point total of 35 or more shall be interviewed by three or more members of the Board. Each person interviewed shall be assigned from 0 to 35 points based on the interviewee's poise and confidence, potential as an asset to the pilotage system, recommendations from within the maritime community, knowledge of trade and commerce, and such other factors as may be deemed relevant by the Board..

The Board conducts periodic interviews and produces a ranked list of candidates from which to draw trainees when vacancies need to be filled.

A primary requirement for selection into the Coos Bay/Yaquina Bay bar Pilot Trainee program is that all applicants must hold a valid license as master endorsed for Radar Observer issued by the U.S. Coast Guard, and shall have served at least 730 active working days as master aboard vessels. Documentation to this effect must

be submitted with your application. Also include a copy of your USCG license and any certifications of specialized training and experience.

Individuals who do not yet have the requisite two years masters' experience are welcome to submit an application that will be kept on file. The application can be updated as experience accumulates.

Please send your completed application form to: Oregon Board of Maritime Pilots, 800 NE Oregon St. # 15, Portland, OR 97223.

Candidates selected to train for licensure must have successfully completed the following requirements to receive an original pilot license:

Coos Bay Bar –

- Obtain an unlimited federal pilots endorsement for the Coos Bay bar pilotage ground;
- Complete one hundred (100) crossings of the Coos Bay bar while under the supervision of an unlimited state-licensed Coos Bay bar pilot, with at least ten crossings with each unlimited state-licensed Coos Bay bar pilot;
- Dock and undock 25 ships under the supervision of an unlimited state-licensed pilot;
- Make 25 trips through each of the bridges, with at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the total trips completed during hours of darkness;
- Submit letters from two Coos Bay bar pilots who have supervised the training of the applicant, certifying that the applicant has demonstrated local knowledge of the pilotage ground and shiphandling skills sufficient to pilot ocean-going ships on the pilotage ground.

Yaquina Bay Bar –

- Hold a valid license as Master endorsed for Radar Observer issued by the U.S. Coast Guard and shall have served at least two years as Master aboard vessels;
- Obtain an unlimited federal pilots endorsement for the Yaquina Bay bar pilotage ground;
- Complete one hundred (100) crossings of the Yaquina Bay bar while under the supervision of an unlimited state-licensed Yaquina Bay bar pilot, or after completing one year of piloting with a state license in Coos Bay, the number of bar crossings at Yaquina Bay may be reduced to 12, with at least one such crossing with each unlimited state-licensed Yaquina Bay bar pilot;
- Dock and undock 25 ships under the supervision of an unlimited state-licensed Yaquina Bay bar pilot, or after completing one year of piloting with a state license in Coos Bay, the number of dockings and undockings may be reduced to 12;
- Make twenty-five (25) trips through the bridge, with at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the total trips completed during hours of darkness, or after completing one year of piloting with a state license in Coos Bay, the number of trips may be reduced to 12, with at least 25 percent (25%) of the total trips completed during hours of darkness; and
- Submit letters from two Yaquina Bay bar pilots who have supervised training of the applicant, certifying that the applicant has demonstrated local knowledge of the pilotage ground and shiphandling skills sufficient to pilot ocean-going ships on the pilotage ground.