

**List of Subjects in 38 CFR Part 21**

Administrative practice and procedure, Armed forces, Civil rights, Claims, Colleges and universities, Conflict of interests, Defense Department, Education, Employment, Grant programs—education, Grant programs—veterans, Health care, Loan programs—education, Loan programs—veterans, Manpower training programs, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Schools, Travel and transportation expenses, Veterans, Vocational education, Vocational rehabilitation.

Approved: April 25, 1997.

**Jesse Brown,**  
Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

Approved: July 7, 1997.

**Normand G. Lezy,**  
Lieutenant General, USAF, Deputy Assistant Secretary (Military Personnel Policy).

Approved: June 13, 1997.

**Alan M. Steinman,**  
Assistant Commandant for Human Resources Acting.

For the reasons set forth in the preamble, 38 CFR part 21 (subparts D, K, and L) are amended as set forth below.

**PART 21—VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION AND EDUCATION**

**Subpart D—Administration of Educational Assistance Programs**

1. The authority citation for part 21, subpart D, is revised to read as follows:

**Authority:** 10 U.S.C. ch. 1606; 38 U.S.C. 501(a), chs. 30, 32, 34, 35, 36, unless otherwise noted.

2. In § 21.4233, paragraph (d) is amended by removing “a veteran or other” and adding, in its place, “an”; and paragraph (c) is revised to read as follows:

**§ 21.4233 Combination.**

\* \* \* \* \*

(c) *Television.* (1) A course offered by open-circuit television is an independent study course. In order for an eligible person to receive educational assistance while pursuing such a course, the course must meet all the requirements for independent study found in § 21.4267.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 3523, 3680A)

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3. In § 21.4267, the authority citations for paragraphs (a) and (b), and paragraph (b)(1)(i) are revised, and paragraph (f) is added to read as follows:

**§ 21.4267 Approval of independent study.**

(a) \* \* \*

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 3014, 3523, 3672, 3676(e), 3680A(a))

(b) \* \* \*

(1) \* \* \*

(i) It consists of a prescribed program of study with provision for interaction between the student and the regularly employed faculty of the institution of higher learning. The interaction may be personally or through use of communications technology, including mail, telephone, videoconferencing, computer technology (to include electronic mail), and other electronic means;

\* \* \* \* \*

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 3523, 3676(e), 3680A(a))

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(f) *Course approval.* A State approving agency may approve a course offered by independent study or a combination of independent study and resident training only if—

(1) The course is accredited and leads to a standard college degree; and

(2) The course meets the requirements of § 21.4253.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 3672, 3675, 3680A(a)(4))

**Subpart K—All Volunteer Force Educational Assistance Program (Montgomery GI Bill—Active Duty)**

4. The authority citation for subpart K is revised to read as follows:

**Authority:** 38 U.S.C. 501(a), chs. 30, 36, unless otherwise noted.

5. In § 21.7112, paragraph (c) is revised to read as follows:

**§ 21.7112 Programs of education combining two or more types of courses.**

\* \* \* \* \*

(c) *Television.* In determining whether a veteran or servicemember may pursue all or part of a program of education under 38 U.S.C. chapter 30 by television, VA will apply the provisions of § 21.4233(c).

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 3034(a))

6. In § 21.7612, paragraph (b) is revised to read as follows:

**§ 21.7612 Programs of education combining two or more types of courses.**

\* \* \* \* \*

(b) *Television.* In determining whether a reservist may pursue all or part of a program of education by television, VA will apply the provisions of § 21.4233(c).

(Authority: 10 U.S.C. 16136(b); 38 U.S.C. 3680A)

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

**40 CFR Parts 52 and 81**

[OH107-2a; KY94-9717a; FRL-5863-8]

**Clean Air Act Promulgation of Extension of Attainment Date for Ozone Nonattainment Area; Ohio; Kentucky**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Direct final rule; withdrawal.

**SUMMARY:** On May 27, 1997 (62 FR 28634), EPA extended the attainment date for the Cincinnati-Hamilton interstate moderate ozone nonattainment area from November 15, 1996 to November 15, 1997. This extension was based in part on monitored air quality readings for the national ambient air quality standard (NAAQS) for ozone during 1996. Accordingly, EPA revised the table in the Code of Federal Regulations concerning ozone attainment dates in this area. The EPA is withdrawing this final rule due to the receipt of adverse comments on EPA’s rulemaking action. In a subsequent final rule, EPA will summarize and respond to the comments received and announce final rulemaking action on the attainment date extension requests.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** July 28, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the documents relevant to this action are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the following locations:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Atlanta Federal Center, Region 4, Air Planning Branch, 61 Forsyth Street S.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303-3104.

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, Regulation Development Branch, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Randolph O. Cano at (312) 886-6036 or Joseph M. LeVasseur at (404) 562-9035.

**List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 52**

Environmental protection, Air pollution control, Intergovernmental relations, Ozone, Volatile organic compounds.

**List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 81**

Environmental protection, Air pollution control, National parks, Wilderness areas.

Dated: July 8, 1997.

**Michael V. Peyton,**

*Acting Regional Administrator, Region 4.*

Dated: July 17, 1997.

**David A. Ullrich,**

*Acting Regional Administrator, Region 5.*

Accordingly, under the authority of 42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q, the final rule published on May 27, 1997 (62 FR 28634) is withdrawn.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Coast Guard

#### 46 CFR Part 10

[CGD 95-062]

RIN 2115-AF26

#### Implementation of the 1995 Amendments to the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978 (STCW)

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DOT.

**ACTION:** Interim rule; corrections.

**SUMMARY:** This document contains corrections to the interim rule [CGD 95-062], published on Thursday, June 26, 1997 (FR Doc. 97-16109). The rule amends the domestic rules on licensing and documentation of personnel serving on U.S. seagoing vessels. It implements the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978 (STCW), as amended in 1995.

**DATES:** The interim rule and this correction becomes effective on July 28, 1997.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Mr. Christopher Young, Project Manager, Operating and Environmental Standards (G-MSO), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001, telephone (202) 267-0216.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### Background

The interim rule that is the subject of these corrections changes the Coast Guard's domestic rules on licensing, documentation, and manning, in compliance with amendments to STCW. These amendments were adopted by a Conference of Parties to STCW in July 1995, and came into force on February 1, 1997.

#### Need for Correction

As published, the interim rule contains errors that may prove to be misleading and therefore need to be corrected. Accordingly, make the following corrections to 46 CFR part 10:

#### List of Subjects in 46 CFR Part 10

Fees, Marine safety, Incorporation by reference, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Schools, Seamen, Vessels.

#### PART 10—LICENSING OF MARITIME PERSONNEL

1. The authority citation for part 10 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 31 U.S.C. 9701; 46 U.S.C. 2101, 2103, 2110; 46 U.S.C. Chapter 71; 46 U.S.C. 7502, 7505, 7701; 49 CFR 1.45, 1.46; Sec. 10.107 also issued under the authority of 44 U.S.C. 3507.

2. In the section "Discussion of Comments and Changes", on page 34515, in line 9 of the first paragraph of the first column under the heading "Simulators", "Technology and Graduated studies" should read "Technology and Graduate Studies".

3. On page 34522, 2nd column, 2nd paragraph, line 12, the sentence should end: "\* \* \* new requirements under §§ 10.205 (l), (m), (n), (o), or (p), 10.304, or 10.901:".

4. On page 34524, 2nd column, last paragraph the reference to paragraph (e) should be to paragraph (a).

5. On page 34525, 1st column, line 12, the reference to August 1, 2002, should be to February 1, 2002.

#### § 10.202 [Corrected]

6. On page 34529, § 10.202(k) should begin: "Notwithstanding § 10.205 (l), (m), (n), (o) and (p), § 10.304, and \* \* \*".

7. On page 34530, from § 10.202(l), remove "\* \* \* meet the requirements of subpart J, because the vessels are \* \* \*", and add in its place, "\* \* \* hold STCW certificates or endorsements, because they are \* \* \*".

#### § 10.205 [Corrected]

8. On page 34530, in § 10.205, remove the (1) after the heading of paragraph (l).

9. On the same page, in § 10.205(n)(1)(ii), change "approved" to "approved or accepted".

10. On the same page, in § 10.205(n)(2), "Paragraph (m)" should read "Paragraph (n)(1)".

#### § 10.209 [Corrected]

11. On page 34531, in § 10.209(k), line 9 should read "\* \* \* (l), (m), (n), and (o) in § 10.205 and shall \* \* \*".

Dated: July 18, 1997.

**R.C. North,**

*Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Assistant Commandant for Marine Safety and Environmental Protection.*

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

### 47 CFR Parts 0, 2, 80, and 87

[PR Docket No. 92-257; FCC 97-217]

#### Maritime and Aviation Communications

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission has adopted a *Second Report and Order* in PR Docket No. 92-257 which provides adaptive regulations and improves radio communications capabilities in the maritime services. Specifically, the Commission amends the maritime service rules to permit medium frequency (MF), high frequency (HF), and very high frequency (VHF) public coast stations to automatically connect marine radios with the public switched network (PSN); allow VHF public coast stations to serve units on land, provided priority is given to communications originating on vessels; eliminate the requirement for VHF public coast stations to provide a showing of channel loading prior to assignment of additional channels; require a minimum digital selective calling (DSC) capability on all MF, HF, and VHF radios; permit brief scanning transmissions in the 2-30 MHz band for the purposes of automatic link establishment (ALE); permit vessel and coast stations to utilize alternative data communications protocols on narrow-band direct-printing (NB-DP) frequencies; and eliminate unnecessary regulatory burdens on the boating public.

**DATES:** Effective August 27, 1997.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Scot Stone of the Wireless

Telecommunications Bureau, Public Safety and Private Wireless Division, at (202) 418-0638 or via E-mail to "sstone@fcc.gov".

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This is a summary of the Commission's *Second Report and Order* in the *Second Report and Order and Second Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making*, PR Docket No. 92-257, FCC 97-217, adopted June 17, 1997, and released June 26, 1997, with Commissioner Ness issuing a statement.