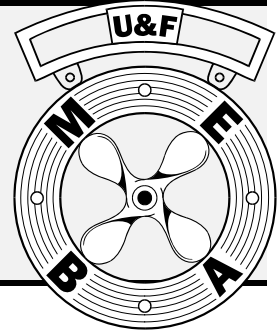


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# ALL PORTS BULLETIN



**To: All M.E.B.A. Members & Applicants**  
**From: M.E.B.A. District Executive Committee (DEC)**  
**Date: January 21, 2021**  
**Subject: Members, Applicants Encouraged to Seek  
STCW ETO Endorsement; CMES Offers Guidance**

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The M.E.B.A. membership is strongly encouraged to take advantage of a simplified process to obtain the STCW Endorsement as Electro-Technical Officer. At present, mariners can earn the endorsement easily by completing onboard assessments followed by notification to the Coast Guard. The Coast Guard intends to implement additional time-consuming requirements to obtain the endorsement following the expiration of a delay put in place because of the COVID-19 pandemic, so now is the best time to get this valuable endorsement.

The Calhoun M.E.B.A. Engineering School has made online guidance available to assist the membership in applying for the endorsement. A School link provides information and documents needed for application: [www.mebaschool.org/curriculum/stcw-electro-technical-officer-endorsement](http://www.mebaschool.org/curriculum/stcw-electro-technical-officer-endorsement)

They highly recommend that members utilize Option 4 which notes:

1. Any person who holds an STCW endorsement as Second Engineer Officer has met this sea service requirement, no additional sea service required, AND,
2. Must provide evidence of meeting the standard of competence specified in Section A-III/6 of the STCW Code, (the onboard assessments), AND
3. Must provide
  - a. Basic and Advanced Fire Fighting (within 5 years unless previously completed)
  - b. Hold or Qualify for Medical First-Aid Provider
  - c. Hold or Qualify for Proficiency in Survival Craft (Unlimited or Limited)
  - d. Current Basic Training

Links to the complete NVIC as well as the NMC's Application for Merchant Mariner Credential (Form CG-719B) are also included on the site.

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