

AUXAIR ROUTE CERTIFICATION POLICY

Background: The intent of is policy is to increase the knowledge, effectiveness and safety of AUXAIR crews and to provide the Coast Guard with reliable and predictable patrol resources. The intent is to include all crew in this program since every crewmember is critical to the mission and safety of each flight.

Initial Qualification: To be authorized to fly a route the pilot, air crew or observer must:

- (1) Attend a route briefing once each calendar year. The briefing will review the patrol route, Airspace, landmarks and Coast Guard communications/requirements. The brief will be held in conjunction with an annual safety workshop.
- (2) Fly the route two times with a route certified First Pilot or Aircraft Commander and receive a favorable recommendation for route certification from one of these two PICs.
- (3) Complete the Route Certification Sheet and forward to the Aviation qualification manager.

Note 1: If a member is unable to attend the annual route briefing, they may demonstrate adequate route knowledge with a route mentor designated by the DSO-AV. The route mentor will review the route currency with flight crew members and certify that the member has adequate knowledge to be certified on the route.

Note 2: All crew members that are currently route certified meet the initial qualification. Realizing that the annual certification maintenance is a new policy and some members may not have flown the route in the past six months, currently certified members will have until 01 July 07 to meet the minimum required flight to stay current. After 01 July 07 all members must fly the route once every six months to remain route certified.
Annual Certification Maintenance: A flight crew member must fly the route once every six months to remain route certified.

Recertification:

- (1) If a flight crew member fails to fly the route once every six months they must fly the route with a PIC who is route certified.
- (2) Attend the route briefing within 12 months or be certified by a route mentor.
- (3) Complete the Route Certification Sheet and forward to the Aviation qualification manager.