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1. Auxiliary Trident Program Qualifications (effective immediately):
ALCOAST 192/10 (Marine Safety Insignia), dated 16 April 2010, provided updated guidance for the entitlement of the Coast Guard Marine Safety (Trident) insignia. These changes also apply to the Auxiliary Trident insignia. Permanent entitlement for wear has been updated to require five years of sustained activity and support at a marine safety field unit. Auxiliarists who have already earned marine safety insignia, and those who have achieved temporary-awaiting-permanent status, under the four-year requirement do not have to meet this five-year requirement.
2. The New Introduction to Marine Safety and Environmental Protection (IMSEP) Course dated September 14, 2010 replaces the July 2002 IMSEP course (effective immediately): The associated test will be available October 1, 2010. The Initial Indoctrination to Marine Safety Course (IIMS) is no longer required as a prerequisite to the new course when the new course is taken.
3. Boat Crew Qualification Program (BCQP) Currency Maintenance (effective 01 January 2011): In clarification of maintenance hours for Personal Watercraft Operator (PWO), coxswain, and boat crew member, Auxiliarists are required to perform at least 12 currency maintenance hours per calendar year after being qualified as a boat crew member. If an Auxiliarist is a PWO and boat crew member, then at least 18 annual currency maintenance hours must be performed, with at least 12 of those hours performed as PWO AND at least six hours as boat crew member. If an Auxiliarist is a coxswain and PWO, then at least 18 annual currency maintenance hours must be performed, with at least 12 of those hours in any combination as coxswain or boat crew member, AND at least six hours as PWO. BCQP currency maintenance requirements are summarized as follows:

Boat Crew Member only At least 12 hours/year

Coxswain only At least 12 hours/year (all hours may be performed in any combination as Coxswain or Boat Crew Member)

Coxswain and PWO At least 12 hours/year in any combination as Coxswain or Boat Crew Member, AND at least 6 hours/year as PWO

PWO only At least 12 hours/year

PWO and Boat Crew Member At least 12 hours/year as PWO AND at least 6 hours/year as Boat Crew Member

4. Air Observer Medical Screening (effective immediately): In order to increase overall program safety and standardize medical requirements, all Auxiliary air observers are required to meet the same medical screening requirements as Auxiliary air crewmen. Air observer medical screening is now included as a task for qualification and currency maintenance purposes, and it must be completed prior to performing any swim task. Qualified air observers and trainees must meet this medical screening requirement by 01 January 2011. Proof of medical screening already performed in 2009 and 2010 is acceptable to initially meet this requirement. The new Flight Crew Medical Screening document AV-10-1 dated 16 SEP 10 and ANSC 7042A revised 05/2010 updates all flight crew medical requirements. The direction and form use is effective immediately.

5. AUXOP Program (effective 01 January 2011):

a. The AUXOP program will be revised to consist of core, leadership, and elective credit elements in order to give variety to Auxiliarists, increase practical AUXOP relevance to Coast Guard missions, and better assist the Coast Guard to fulfill needed skill sets. Under the new program, Auxiliarists will be required to successfully complete a minimum of seven (7) credits from three categories of courses detailed in items (a)-(c) below to receive the AUXOP qualification. This revision will give Auxiliarists more choices to meet program requirements, allow the pursuit of preferred focus areas, and apply credit for ICS training and expertise.

(1) The three required core courses, each worth one credit, shall be:

- (a) Auxiliary Weather Specialty Course (AUXWEA).
- (b) Auxiliary Seamanship Specialty Course (AUXSEA).
- (c) Auxiliary Communications Specialty Course (AUXCOM)*.

* Updated Auxiliary Communications Specialty Course (AUXCOM) (effective immediately): This updated course is now available from the Auxiliary National Supply Center (ANSC). It has been reviewed, approved, and promulgated under signature of the Chief Director of Auxiliary (CG-542), and it now replaces the previously numbered Coast Guard course publication. Auxiliarists who have already begun the previous AUXCOM version have until December 31, 2010 to successfully complete that course for credit.

(2) Auxiliarists will be required to complete one of the following leadership courses, worth one credit (AUXOP credit will not be applied for more than one course from this category). These courses include:

- (a) Auxiliary Leadership and Management (AUXLAMs).
- (b) Auxiliary Mid-Level Officers Course (AMLOC).
- (c) Auxiliary District Captain Course (Formerly RCO Course).
- (d) Flotilla Leadership Course (FLC) - this includes online and classroom versions.
- (e) Auxiliary Senior Officers Course (ASOC).

(3) Auxiliarists will be required to complete their AUXOP credits by completing a combination of the following elective courses, totaling three or more credits:

- (a) Auxiliary Search Coordination and Execution Specialty Course (AUXSC&E) (the Auxiliary Navigation Specialty Course (AUXNAV) is a pre-requisite for AUXSC&E) - 2 credits.
- (b) Auxiliary Navigation Specialty Course (AUXNAV) - 2 credits.
- (c) Introduction to Marine Safety - 2 credits.
- (d) Auxiliary Patrol Specialty Course (AUXPAT) - 1

credit.

(e) Auxiliary Aids-to-Navigation (ATON) and Chart Updating C-school (AUX-06) - 1 credit.

(f) Coast Guard Incident Command System (ICS) 300 & 400 (ICS 210 cannot be used as a substitution) - 1 credit.

(g) Auxiliary Air Coordinator C-school (AUX-15) - 1 credit.

(h) Specialty ICS courses count as one credit for completion of the in-class course and one credit for the completion of the PQS for a possible two credits. If an in-class course is not available, then PQS must be completed for credit. Specialty ICS courses include:

1. ICS 346 (Situation Unit Leader).
2. ICS 347 (Demobilization Unit Leader).
3. ICS 248 (Resources Unit Leader).
4. ICS 430 (Operations Section Chief).
5. ICS 440 (Planning Section Chief).
6. ICS 351 (Finance Section Chief).

(4) The previously canceled Auxiliary Search-and-Rescue Specialty Course (AUXSAR) and Auxiliary Administration Specialty Course (AUXMIN) shall be acceptable if already completed. They shall be worth 1 credit each and may be used on a one-for-one basis in lieu of course options listed in 5.a.(3) above.

b. Additional elective courses may be added by CG-5421 in the future.

c. If AUXDATA is not modified to reflect these AUXOP program changes by the implementation date, then AUXOP program completion will have to be manually tracked. Primary responsibility for tracking personal training and successful course completions rests with the Auxiliarist.

d. No time limit shall apply to successful completion of AUXOP eligibility requirements.

e. Provisions of section 11.A.12 of the Coast Guard Auxiliary Manual that deal with the Auxiliary Specialty Ribbon shall be modified as

follows:

"This recognition is presented to an Auxiliarist who has successfully completed any AUXOP course. Auxiliarists add 3/16-inch bronze or silver stars to show successful completion of additional courses which move them closer to achievement of the AUXOP device. AUXOP designation recognizes the successful completion of all AUXOP requirements, and entitles the Auxiliarist to wear the AUXOP device. Once the device is earned, the Specialty Ribbon shall be removed."

6. Mandated Training: New mandated training course requirements for all Auxiliarists are still being developed. CG-5421 is working on putting all of these courses on a CD/DVD available from ANSC. Completion of this project is not expected until early 2011. The following new mandated training course and frequency requirements will be placed in effect at that time:

a. Required to be performed by all Auxiliarists during their first year of enrollment and then once every five years thereafter:

- (1) Suicide Prevention.
- (2) Security Education & Training Awareness.
- (3) Privacy Awareness.
- (4) Prevention of Sexual Harassment*.
- (5) Sexual Assault Prevention.
- (6) Human Relations Awareness.

* Prevention of Sexual Harassment (POSH) (effective immediately): This course has been developed by the Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute (DEOMI). It has been reviewed and approved for Auxiliary use by the Chief Director of Auxiliary (CG-542). It now replaces prior Sexual Harassment Prevention (SHP) training materials, and a corresponding AUXDATA field for completion entry is available. The course is only available on DVD from ANSC. It should be reviewed by the planned facilitator before presentation because it requires a nominal degree of audience preparation (e.g. - having pen/paper ready for pre/post quizzes) and it is designed for discussions throughout its presentation.

b. Required to be performed only once by all Auxiliarists (new members during their first year of enrollment):

- (1) Ethics Training.

(2) Influenza Training.

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