AB Employment Pathway Schedule Options for Students

The following pathway assumes the successful completion of all components of the 5-day Basic Training (BT course, all four certificates earned) within the past five years.

The courses are listed in the recommended order of completion based on prerequisites and also based on what will be tested and what the next steps are to be taken to get the credential. Additional dates may be added. Please check https://avtec.edu/avtec-maritime-dates and USCG National Maritime Center for most up-to-date information.

1. (PSC- 4 days)Proficiency in Survival Craft

Course completion certificate good for 5 years, min age 18 to apply for endorsement

- a. 10/9-12/17
- b. 3/19-22/18
- c. 4/23-26/18

2. (AB-10 days) Able Seaman

min age 18 to apply for AB credential and 180 days of documented/verified sea time required.

- a. 10/16-27/17 or
- b. 11/27-12/8/17
- c. 3/26-4/6/18
- d. 5/14-25/18

3. (RFPNW-1 days) Rating Forming Part of a Navigational Watch With Assessments

Course completion certificate good for 5 years, min age 18 to apply for endorsement By appointment only and very flexible lots of dates available. Upcoming dates thus far: 10/2, 10/9, 10/23, 11/13, 11/20/2017

4. (PIC-5 days) Tank Ship Dangerous Liquids

Course completion certificate good for 5 years, min age 18 to apply for endorsement
Individuals will want to complete this prior to seeking employment on a vessel doing loads and discharge.
Individuals will need to accomplish the loads and discharges required by the USCG prior to receiving the
Tankerman (PIC) endorsement from the Coast Guard within five years of completing the training. Candidates
must be at least 18 yrs old.

- a. 10/30-11/3/17
- b. 3/5-9/18
- c. 4/16-20/18
- d. 5/21-25/18

The following can be taken anytime but BEFORE you send in your AB Packet to the USCG:

5. (VPDSD- 1 day) Vessel Personnel with Designated Security Duties

Course completion certificate good for 5 years, min age 18 to apply for endorsement

- a. 10/3 or 10/16/17
- b. 11/15/17
- c. 3/2 or 3/23/18
- d. 4/25/18
- e. 5/14 or 5/29/18
- f. 6/20/18