

**TRANSITION FROM THE FORMER ASSESSMENT SCHEME FOR
RATING FORMING PART OF A NAVIGATIONAL WATCH**

The assessments specified in this Navigation and Vessel Inspection Circular (NVIC) differ from those previously specified in NVIC 02-02, and National Maritime Center (NMC) Policy Letter 14-02. Among the differences are changes in the numbering scheme. The Coast Guard recognizes that mariners may be in the process of qualifying for an RFPNW endorsement, and may have already completed RFPNW assessments under the previous guidance. In order to minimize the burden to these mariners, the Coast Guard will allow a reasonable transition period during which assessments from the old scheme will be accepted.

Until December 31, 2016, mariners may use some or all of the former assessments to meet the equivalent assessment specified in this NVIC.

The following table identifies which assessments from the former scheme will satisfy the assessments specified in this NVIC. Mariners who present evidence of satisfactory completion of the assessment identified in the column titled “Old Assessment Number” may use the assessment as evidence of completing the corresponding task in the column titled “New Task Number.”

Old Assessment Number	New Task Number	Task Name
<i>If you completed this assessment from Policy Letter 14-02,</i>	<i>you do not need to complete this task</i>	
RFPNW-1-1A	1.1.A	Steady on a new course
RFPNW-1-1B	1.1.B	Steer a course by gyrocompass
RFPNW-1-1C	1.1.C	Steer a course by magnetic compass
RFPNW-1-2A	1.2.A	Right (Starboard) rudder
RFPNW-1-2B	1.2.B	Left (Port) rudder
RFPNW-1-2C	1.2.C	Rudder hard over
RFPNW-1-2D	1.2.D	Ease the rudder
RFPNW-1-2E	1.2.E	Midships; or, midships the wheel
RFPNW-1-2F	1.2.F	Shift the rudder
RFPNW-1-2G	1.2.G	Meet her; or, check her
RFPNW-1-2H	1.2.H	Steady as she goes
RFPNW-1-2J	1.2.I	Nothing to the left or right (Port or Starboard)
RFPNW-1-3A	1.3.A	Change-over from auto pilot to hand steering
RFPNW-1-3B	1.3.B	Change-over from hand steering to auto pilot

Old Assessment Number	New Task Number	Task Name
<i>If you completed this assessment from Policy Letter 14-02,</i>	<i>you do not need to complete this task</i>	
RFPNW-2-1A	2.1.A	Detect and report objects in daylight
RFPNW-2-1B	2.1.B	Detect and report objects at night
RFPNW-2-2A	2.1.C	Detect and report sounds
RFPNW-3-1A	3.4.A	Hand over a lookout watch
RFPNW-3-1B	3.4.B	Hand over a helm watch
RFPNW-3-2A	3.2.A	Report alarms