

Washington State Department of Personnel  
Class Specification

**MATE, THIRD**

6521

**Abolished Effective May 15, 2009**

**Class Series Concept:**

Mates are responsible for safe navigation of the ship and directing deck operations.

**Definition:**

Serve as third mate aboard ship.

**Distinguishing Characteristics:**

Serve as third officer and fourth in command of an ocean research ship of approximately 2000 gross tons.

**Typical Work:**

Stands bridge watches operating and navigating the ship;

Operates sophisticated navigational systems such as dynamic positioning system;

Directs maintenance of life saving equipment;

Requisitions life saving equipment;

In charge of bridge watch entering and leaving port;

Stands security watches when required;

Teaches courses in seamanship and other marine specialties;

Performs related duties as required.

**Legal Requirement(s):**



i. Coast Guard Third Mate's license valid for operation of an inspected motor vessel of unlimited  
ge, upon ocean waters.

**Desirable Qualifications:**

See Legal Requirement(s).

**Class Specification History:**

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Revise Class: 2-15-91

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