

AMENDMENT NO. 23-1
TO THE
RULES AND REGULATIONS
OF THE
MEBA TRAINING PLAN

At their June 15, 2023 meeting, the Trustees of the MEBA Training Plan (the “Plan”) amended the Plan’s Rules and Regulations to allow members who are mates to attend a course at any accredited school for licenses, provided that the total cost, including lodging, does not exceed the cost to attend an equivalent course at the Maritime Institute of Technology and Graduate Studies, effective June 15, 2023.

1. Effective June 15, 2023, Article I, Section 6 shall be amended to add a new final paragraph, such that the Section shall read as follows:

The member shall be reimbursed for tuition expenses and/or related registration fees for training when:

- advanced application to attend the training is made to CMES and eligibility is validated by CMES;
- the training is approved by the CMES Director in writing;
- evidence of successful completion of the training is provided; and
- evidence of tuition and/or registration fee payment is provided.

A member may receive reimbursement of tuition fees for upgrading of his/her USCG license; however, he/she may be reimbursed once only for the same licensure level and/or type.

Members of and applicants for membership in District No. 1-PCD MEBA, who do not meet the eligibility requirements of Section 1(A), shall be reimbursed the tuition for courses under Sections 1 (E) and 1 (F), when such courses are not provided by, or suitably scheduled at CMES, according to the rules set forth in Sections 1 (E) and (F) and this Section 6.

A Licensed Officer who is a mate shall be reimbursed for registration fees, tuition fees, and lodging for attendance at any accredited institution at which the mate can maintain or upgrade his or her license, provided that the total cost of registration fees, tuition fees, and lodging at such institution does not exceed the total cost of attending comparable courses at the Maritime Institute of Technology and Graduate Studies

(“MITAGS”). Such attendance shall be eligible for the same credit under the Pension Plan and Medical Plan as provided in Section 10 for attendance at MITAGS.

2. Effective April 1, 2023, Article I, Section 14 shall be amended to read as follows:

The Plan shall reimburse room and board, but not transportation, for those deck officers who are engaged in an approved course of studies at the MITAGS, for which the officer is entitled to reimbursement of tuition from the Plan.

Adopted in Principle: June 15, 2023

Effective Date: June 1, 2023

Language Approved: October 5, 2023

Adam Vokac, Chairman

Edward Hanley, Secretary