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**2026 Washington State Marine Pilot Exam  
Application Package Contents**

Listed below are the documents that comprise the 2026 Washington State Marine Pilot Exam Application (2026 Exam) Package. The Knowledge-Based Test 'KBT' (Written Examination) will be administered on April 13, 2026, at 0800 PDST via live remote proctoring. The Simulator Evaluation will be held in Seattle, Washington the week of April 27-May 1, successful KBT applicants will be assigned one timeslot during that week.

- 2026 Exam Announcement
- 2026 Exam Application
- Sea Service Summary & Sea Service Table
- 2026 Exam Fee Schedule
- Final Bibliography

If you cannot open any of the documents, or for any reason are not able to access these documents, please contact us at [PilotageInfo@wsdot.wa.gov](mailto:PilotageInfo@wsdot.wa.gov).



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**ANNOUNCEMENT OF  
2026 WASHINGTON STATE MARINE PILOT EXAM  
FOR THE GRAYS HARBOR AND PUGET SOUND PILOTAGE DISTRICTS**

On Monday April 13, 2026, at 0800 PDST, the Washington State Board of Pilotage Commissioners (Board) will administer to qualified applicants a Knowledge Based Test (KBT or Written Exam) to be followed by a Simulator Evaluation to those eligible. The KBT will be administered via live remote proctor in your local area and the Simulator Evaluation will be held in Seattle, Washington. Applicants who meet or exceed the cut score set by the Board on the KBT and Simulator Evaluation will be placed on a waiting list to be called into a Pilot Training Program as needed. Successful completion of the Pilot Training Program is required to qualify for issuance of a state pilot license for the applicable pilotage district.

The Simulator Evaluation is scheduled in the simulator at MITAGS West the week of April 27 – May 1, 2026.

On November 13, 2025, applications will be available on our website at <https://pilotage.wa.gov/2026-exam-application>, or by written or e-mail request.

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**Any inquiries regarding the application contents or process  
must be made in writing.**

The complete application must be received by the Board office by 2359 PDST on March 13, 2026, unless prior written permission to file an application at a later time is obtained from the Board. For the 2026 Exam, you may complete your application by email, mail or you may deliver your application in-person via appointment. The 2026 Washington State Marine Pilot Exam and licensing process will be governed by and administered pursuant to [Chapter 363-116 WAC](#).











Categories: A-Cargo/Tank <5 to 10K. B-Cargo/Tank <700-1400. C-Cargo/Tank Inland Waters. D-Passenger/Ferry Vessels.  
E-Towing Vessels. F-Ship Assist. G-ATB. H-US Flagged Govt Ships. I-Special Purpose. J-Pilot Association.





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**2026 MARINE PILOT EXAMINATION FEE SCHEDULE**

On Monday April 13, 2026, at 0800 PDST, the Washington State Board of Pilotage Commissioners (Board) will administer a written examination to eligible applicants for the Grays Harbor and Puget Sound Pilotage Districts. Applicants who meet or exceed the cut score set by the Board on the written examination will qualify to take a simulator evaluation which will be administered beginning the week of April 27, 2026. Applicants who meet or exceed the cut score set by the Board on the written examination and simulator evaluation will be placed on a waiting list to be called into a training program as needed. Successful completion of a training program is required in order to be eligible for the issuance of a state pilot license for the applicable pilotage district. It is necessary to meet or exceed the Board-established cut score on the written examination to qualify to take the simulator evaluation. The number of applicants who qualify to take the simulator evaluation will be determined by the Board after the results of the written examination are available.

A separate fee is assessed for each step of the application, written examination, and simulator evaluation process:

(1) There is a non-refundable application fee of **\$400.00**. A check or money order must be made payable to the **Washington State Treasurer** and either included with your application, or if submitted electronically, the check must be received before your application will be processed. In the event that the Board finds you not eligible to take the exam, your application fee will be refunded.

(2) The Board has contracted with Dainis & Company to develop a Knowledge Based Test (KBT or Written Exam). Upon notification of approval of an application to take the KBT, the applicant will reserve his or her examination by making a non-refundable payment in the amount of **\$1,600.00**. Payment instructions will be issued to you once Board Approval is given and **payment must be made within ten business days** after notification by the Board.

(3) The simulator evaluation will be administered after the written examination has been scored. The Board will determine the cut score on the written examination that must be met or exceeded in order to be eligible to take the simulator evaluation. The results of the Knowledge Based Test (KBT or Written Exam) and the number of applicants who qualify to take the simulator evaluation will be announced by the end of the day on April 16, 2026. Dainis & Company in conjunction with "MITAGS" in Seattle are the contractors to develop and administer the simulator evaluation. All applicants who qualify to take the simulator evaluation must make payment, in the amount of **\$1,500.00** in order to receive a time slot for the simulator evaluation. Payment instructions will be issued on April 16<sup>th</sup> to successful written exam candidates.



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