

PRIVACY ACT NOTICE

General - The information contained in this notice is required to be provided pursuant to Public Law 93-579 (Privacy Act of 1974) 5 U.S.C. 552a, as amended, for individuals completing Form FMC-12 "Application for Admission to Practice before the Federal Maritime Commission."

Authority - Section 6(a) of the Administrative Procedure Act (46 U.S.C. 555(b)) authorizes agencies both to permit non-attorneys to practice on behalf of others and to determine the qualifications for admission to practice. The Commission's rules at 46 CFR 502.27 describe the qualifications it has established and require evidence of such qualifications to be submitted in a prescribed form (Form FMC-12). To be eligible for admission to practice pursuant to 46 CFR Part 502.27, disclosure to the Commission of information contained in Form FMC-12 is mandatory.

Purposes and Uses - The primary purpose of the information requested in Form FMC-12 referred to above is to assist in determining whether an applicant for admission to practice meets the necessary qualifications as set forth in 46 CFR 502.27 to be eligible for admission.

Routine Use - All of the information in Form FMC-12 may be disclosed for routine use by the agency, as provided in System of Records FMC-2, 64 FR 33862, and in particular, if disclosure is necessary to verify an applicant's qualifications for admission to practice before the agency.

Failure to Provide Information - Refusal to provide any of the information requested in Form FMC-12 may result in denial of the application for admission to practice.