

WAC 296-304-17023 Competent persons. All gear certification functions must be performed by competent persons as set forth in the following table:

Functions	Competent person
Any testing, examination, inspection, or heat treatment required in United States ports.	Responsible individual, surveyor or other authorized agent of a person accredited by the department of labor and industries under the regulations contained in this part.
Any testing, examination, inspection, or heat treatment required to be performed while the vessel is in other than United States ports.	Responsible individual, surveyor or other authorized agent of persons recognized by the Commandant of the United States Coast Guard or by a foreign nation whose certification is accepted by the department of labor and industries as being in substantial accordance with WAC 296-304-15005(1).
Testing, examination and inspection of loose gear or wire rope; heat treatment of loose gear.	Employees or authorized agents of persons accredited specifically by the department of labor and industries for this purpose under the regulations contained in this section, or the manufacturer of the gear concerned unless disapproved by the director.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 49.17.010, 49.17.040, 49.17.050, and 49.17.060. WSR 17-18-075, § 296-304-17023, filed 9/5/17, effective 10/6/17; Order 74-25, § 296-304-17023, filed 5/7/74.]