

MANDATORY EDUCATION THROUGHOUT THE U.S.

STATE	EDUCATION REQUIRED <small>(BORN ON OR AFTER DATE)</small>	ALL POWERBOAT OPERATORS <small>(MANY DEFINED BY HORSEPOWER LIMITS)</small>	PWC EDUCATION REQUIRED <small>(PERSONAL WATERCRAFT)</small>	EDUCATION REQUIRED <small>(CERTAIN AGES ONLY)</small>	NO BOATING EDUCATION REQUIRED
Alabama		Operator License Required			
Alaska					X
American Samoa				X	
Arizona					X
Arkansas	1/1/86				
California	In effect 1/1/18	See Phase-in Schedule			
Colorado				14 or 15	
Connecticut		X	All Ages		
Delaware	1/1/78				
District of Columbia		X			
Florida	1/1/88				
Georgia	1/1/98				
Guam					X
Hawaii	In effect 11/10/14	>10HP	All Ages		
Idaho			Rentals Only		
Illinois	1/1/98				
Indiana		Motor vehicle license required	X		
Iowa			X	12 to 17, >10HP	
Kansas			X	12 to 20, Motorboat or Sailboat	
Kentucky			X	12 to 17, >10HP	
Louisiana	1/1/84				
Maine		X			
Maryland	7/1/72				
Massachusetts			16 to 17	12 to 15, Motorboat	
Michigan	7/1/96				
Minnesota			14 to 17	12 to 17, >25HP	
Mississippi	6/30/80				
Missouri	1/1/84				
Montana			X	13 or 14, Motorboat/PWC >25HP	
Nebraska	12/31/85				
Nevada	1/1/83				
New Hampshire		X			
New Jersey		X			
New Mexico	1/1/89				
New York	5/1/96		All Ages		
North Carolina	1/1/88				
North Dakota			X	12 to 15, Vessel/PWC 10+HP	
N Mariana Islands					X
Ohio	1/1/82				
Oklahoma			X	12 to 15, Boat/PWC 10+HP, Sailboat 16'+	
Oregon		X			
Pennsylvania	1/1/82		All Ages		
Puerto Rico	7/1/72				
Rhode Island	1/1/86		All Ages		
South Carolina			X	<16, Boat/PWC 15+HP	
South Dakota					X
Tennessee	1/1/89				
Texas	9/1/93				
Utah			X	12 to 17, PWC only	
Vermont	1/1/74				
Virginia		X			
Virgin Islands			X		
Washington		X			
West Virginia	12/31/86				
Wisconsin	1/1/89				
Wyoming					X