



Marine Notice No. 42 of 2011

NOTICE TO ALL SEAFARERS, MARITIME TRAINING ESTABLISHMENTS, SHIPPING COMPANIES, SHIP OWNERS, SHIP OPERATORS, SHIPMASTERS AND ALL PARTIES CONCERNED.

STCW Convention & Code: “The Manila Amendments”

This Marine Notice provides guidance on the implementation of the 2010 Manila Amendments to the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW), 1978, as amended. Further clarification is also provided in the International Maritime Organization circulars [STCW.7/Circ.16](#) and [STCW.7/Circ.17](#).

The **Manila amendments to the STCW Convention and Code** were adopted on 25th June 2010, marking a major revision of the STCW Convention and Code. The 2010 amendments are to enter into force on 1st January 2012.

Among the amendments adopted, there are a number of important changes to each chapter of the Convention and Code, including:

- Improved measures to prevent fraudulent practices associated with certificates of competency and strengthen the evaluation process (monitoring of Parties' compliance with the Convention);
- Revised requirements on hours of work and rest and new requirements for the prevention of drug and alcohol abuse, as well as updated standards relating to medical fitness standards for seafarers;
- New certification requirements for able seafarers – deck and engine;
- New requirements relating to training in modern technology such as electronic charts and information systems (ECDIS);
- New requirements for marine environment awareness training and training in leadership and teamwork;
- New training and certification requirements for electro-technical officers;
- Updating of competence requirements for deck and engineer officers;
- Updating of competence requirements for personnel serving on board all types of tankers, including new requirements for personnel serving on liquefied gas tankers;
- New requirements for security training, as well as provisions to ensure that seafarers are properly trained to cope if their ship comes under attack by pirates;
- Introduction of modern training methodology including distance learning and web-based learning;
- New training guidance for personnel serving on board ships operating in polar waters;
- New training guidance for personnel operating Dynamic Positioning Systems; and
- New requirements for maintaining standards of competence and refresher training.

Implementation Schedule

STCW Certification

Seafarers holding valid STCW certificates issued prior to 1st January 2012 will have to meet the new requirements, including new refresher training, in order for their certificates to be revalidated beyond 1st January 2017. Further details concerning this will be issued in a separate Marine Notice.

From the 1st July 2013, all new entrants commencing training will have to be trained according to the new standards.

Up to 1st January 2017, seafarers that commenced training before 1st July 2013 may be issued with certificates in accordance with the provisions of the Convention which applied immediately prior to 1st January 2012.

Security Training

From 1st January 2014, all seafarers will have to be trained and certified in security matters in accordance with the new 2010 provisions, which include new anti-piracy elements.

Medical Certification

Medical certificates will be issued in accordance with current requirements until 2017. After this date, all medical certificates must be issued in accordance with the Manila Amendments. Further details concerning this will be issued in a separate Marine Notice.

The Annex below contains a diagram showing an outline of the implementation dates of the 2010 Manila Amendments.

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STCW: Implementation dates of 2010 Manila Amendments

