



South African Maritime Safety Authority

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Policy Regarding Security Training

TO SAMSAR EXAMINERS, PRINCIPAL OFFICERS, MARITIME EDUCATION & TRAINING PROVIDERS, SHIP OWNERS & OPERATORS AND SEAFARERS

Marine Notice 18 of 2009 is hereby cancelled.

Summary

This marine notice informs on SAMSAR's policy with regards to training in *Security Awareness*, training for personnel with *Designated Security Duties* and as *Ship Security Officer* as required by the Merchant Shipping (Safe Manning, Training and Certification) Regulations, 2013.

- 1 The Merchant Shipping (Safe Manning, Training and Certification) Regulations, 2013 present the following:
- 2 **Regulation 107 states:**
 - 1 *The owner and master of a seagoing ship of 500GT or more or passenger ship on international voyages shall ensure that all personnel employed on board the ship have received security awareness training.*
 - 2 *The owner or master of a seagoing ship of 500GT or more or a passenger ship on international voyages shall ensure that all personnel with security duties or responsibilities have received training for persons with designated security duties.*
 - 3 *The owner or master of a seagoing ship of 500GT or more or a passenger ship on international voyages shall ensure that one of the officers is designated as a ship security officer.*

Fishing vessels are excluded from this Regulation.
- 3 And **Regulation 1(5) states:**
 - 5 *After 1 January 2014, all personnel assigned security duties shall have received training for persons with designated security duties in terms of Regulation 107(2).*
- 4 and **Regulation 120(11) states:**
 - 11 *Before 1 January 2016, personnel who produce documentary evidence of serving on a sea going ship for six months in the previous three years performing security functions shall be exempted from the training required for personnel with designated security duties and may be awarded the Certificate of Proficiency.*

In summary then, after 1 January 2014:

- 1 All seafarers on seagoing vessels over 500GT and passenger vessels on international voyages, require security awareness training. This is usually covered in deck/ engine officer of the watch theory training at SAMSA accredited institutions but if not, **new entrants** shall undergo training in security awareness and submit an approved course certificate from an approved training provider to SAMSA to enable the issue of Certificate of Proficiency.
- 2 **New seafarers**, after 1 January 2014, who are assigned security duties shall have received training for persons with designated security duties and submit an approved course certificate from an approved training provider to SAMSA to enable the issue of a Certificate of Proficiency.
- 3 A seafarer shall not be designated as Ship Security Officer unless he/she has received approved training and holds a certificate of proficiency as ship security officer.

Existing seafarers who, before 1 January 2016, produce documentary evidence of serving on a sea going ship for six months in the previous three years prior to 1 January 2014, performing security functions shall be exempted from the training required for security awareness and for personnel with designated security duties and may be awarded the Certificate of Proficiency for security awareness or designated security duties, as applicable.

Documentary evidence required is sea service verification by record book and a letter on Company letterhead verifying the performance of security functions aboard ship.

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