



Notification of Assessment Requirement for Some UK Certificate of Competency Holders.

Notice to all Shipowners, Masters, Officers and all those concerned with seafarer training.

This MIN expires 25 March 2021

Summary

This MIN alerts some seafarers to the requirement for them to undertake an online assessment for the STCW short courses they completed towards the issue of a UK Certificate of Competency (CoC).

1. Background

The Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) of the United Kingdom (UK) has delegated training elements applicable under the STCW Code for Merchant Navy seafarers to third-party training centres. These centres are approved by the MCA through audit and ongoing monitoring.

The MCA is responsible for ensuring that approved centres meet the training, assessment and quality standards set out in the STCW Convention Regulation I/6 and I/8 and in accordance with the provisions of section A-I/8 and A-I/8 of the STCW Code. This requirement is also set out in UK legislation in the Merchant Shipping (Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping) Regulations 2015, Statutory Instrument 2015 No. 782.

The MCA is investigating issues in respect of an MCA approved STCW Short Course provider. The issues relate to Short Courses that underpin Certificates of Competency issued by the MCA.



The issues the MCA is investigating have resulted in the MCA deciding to assess the competency of individuals, who have completed safety critical Short Courses against the criteria set out in STCW Convention and Code, on a case by case basis.

2. Individual Seafarers

The MCA will send those individuals concerned an email and a written letter within the next 5 working days.

Annex A to MIN 591 provides a list of the unique Certificate of Competency numbers (CoC number) of those individual seafarers that the MCA has decided to assess. The email that individual seafarers will receive, will provide the information required to undertake the requisite online assessment.

The MCA urges any individual who has a CoC number listed in Annex A to MIN 591, and who do not receive an email from the MCA within 5 working days, to contact the MCA at assessments@mcga.gov.uk.

The assessment should be undertaken when an individual is ashore and within 12 months of receiving the initial email.

The assessment must not be undertaken by an individual during active watchkeeping duties or during an individual's regulated rest periods as required by Regulation 2.3 of Maritime Labour Convention 2006.

3. For Companies

If a holder of CoC listed in Annex A to MIN 591 is presently serving on board your company's vessel, the company should ensure that the vessel can adequately respond to emergency situations in line with the requirements of SOLAS, STCW and the International Safety Management Code (ISM) such that:

- STCW Convention regulation I/14 1.5: "Seafarers, on being assigned to any of its ships, are familiarised with their duties and with all ship arrangements, installation, equipment, procedures and ship characteristics that are relevant to their routine or emergency duties".
- ISM 6.5 "The Company should establish and maintain procedures for identifying any training which may be required in support of the safety management system and ensure that such training is provided for all personnel concerned."

4. Helpline information

The information in this MIN should advise both seafarers and companies of what to do. It also details the implications for those currently working onboard vessels.

However, if you have any further enquires, concerns or are having technical difficulties with the solution provided please contact the MCA on the following details:



Tel: +44(0)203 908 5300
Email: assessments@mcga.gov.uk

The line will be open from 09.30 to 16.30 (UK time)

Please note that this number is a helpline for seafarers and ship owners/operators only. Any press enquiries must be directed to the MCA Press Office.

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Annex A

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