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## **Notification of suspension for some UK Certification of Competency holders.**

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

*This notice should be read with MIN 602.  
This MIN expires 06 January 2023*

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### **Summary**

The Certificates of Competency (CoCs) and the endorsements on CoC's listed in the Annex to this MIN are suspended as of 00:01 GMT Monday 6 January 2020.

## **1. Introduction**

- 1.1 The Certificates of Competency (CoCs) and endorsements on CoC's listed in the Annex to this MIN are suspended as of 00:01 GMT Monday 6 January 2020 pending the outcome of statutory inquiries into the fitness of the officers' holding those CoCs.
- 1.2 The holders of those CoCs have failed to demonstrate that they meet required standards of competency required by The Merchant Shipping (Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping) Regulations 2015, either by means of passing an online assessment or undertaking further training, in line with MIN 602.
- 1.3 If a seafarer is found to be unfit to discharge their duties at an inquiry their CoC may be cancelled.

## **2. Background**

- 2.1 The Maritime and Coastguard Agency 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.
- 2.2 The MCA is responsible for ensuring that approved centres meet the legal quality standards in respect of training and assessment.



2.3 In March 2019 the MCA published MIN 591(M) which explained that the MCA was investigating issues in respect of an MCA approved STCW Short Course provider and that the issues under investigation related to Short Courses underpinning Certificates of Competency (CoC) that had been issued by the MCA. The MCA further explained the basis on which it had decided to assess the competency of seafarers who had completed safety critical Short Courses delivered by that provider.

2.4 In October 2019 the MCA published MIN 602 which explained the Short Course provider referred to in MIN 591(M) that was subject to an investigation is JWC International Private Limited Marine Academy, Bhubaneswar, Odisha, India ('JWC International') and that the MCA had concluded that JWC International had failed to meet required quality standards in a number of respects.

2.5 MIN 602 further explained that in the interests of securing the safety of ships and persons on them the MCA had taken the decision to bring forward the deadline for those seafarers affected to demonstrate the requisite competency to Thursday 2 January 2020.

### **3. Further Information**

Seafarers and ship owners or operators who have any queries in respect of this MIN should contact the MCA on the following details:

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

The line will be open Monday-Friday (excluding Bank Holidays) from 09:30 to 16:30 (UK time).

Any press enquiries must be directed to the MCA Press Office.



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### 1. List of UK CoC numbers suspended from 00:01 GMT Monday 6 January 2020

The below CoC numbers have been suspended for use subject to inquiry.

CoC0076510	CoC0076289
CoC0077184	CoC0076476
CoC0077668	CoC0076617
CoC0079049	CoC0077808
CoC0079245	CoC0077916
CoC0079373	CoC0079083
CoC0080366	CoC0080991
CoC0080539	

### 2. List of UK CoC numbers with suspended endorsements from 00:01 GMT Monday 6 January 2020

The below CoC numbers will have limitations added restricting use of these CoCs for one or more of the following:

- ECDIS
- High Voltage
- Advanced/Basic Tanker

CoC0033588	CoC0031494
CoC0042876	CoC0031947
CoC0011587	CoC0045333
CoC0016019	CoC0046314
CoC0037324	
CoC0054471	
CoC0058403	
CoC0061070	
CoC0075206	
CoC0075952	
CoC0078251	
CoC0078544	
CoC0053397	
CoC0055047	
CoC0056241	
CoC0058671	
CoC0069459	
CoC0069522	
CoC0073582	
CoC0069896	

