

TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION GUIDANCE - PART 6

Emergency, Occupational Safety, Medical Care and Survival Functions

Notice to Owners, Masters, Deck and Engineer Officers and Ratings of Merchant Vessels and those concerned with Maritime Training

This Note supersedes Marine Guidance Note MGN 6(M) and should be read in conjunction with Merchant Shipping Notices Nos M1494 and MSN 1692(M) (or subsequent amendments).

Summary

This Marine Guidance Note (MGN) is part of a series which gives guidance regarding the application of the Merchant Shipping (Training and Certification) Regulations 1997¹.

In order for the guidance to be easy to use and to keep up-to-date, the individual Parts will retain the same Part number but the MGN number may change if and when revisions are necessary. The front sheet of any revised Part will list the latest MGN numbers. Any reference to "Part" in this Note relates to this series of Guidance Notes as listed below.

Key Point

This Part gives information and guidance on training and certification requirements regarding emergency, occupational safety, medical care and survival functions.

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¹ SI 1997/348 as amended by SI 1997/1911

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1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 The Merchant Shipping (Training and Certification) Regulations 1997 (the Regulations), implement in the United Kingdom some of the requirements of the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978, as amended in 1995 (STCW 95)², and its associated Code (STCW Code).
- 1.2 This Part gives guidance on the mandatory basic and further safety training required under STCW 95 by masters, officers, ratings and other persons employed on ships.
- 1.3 Detailed information on training standards is given in Chapter VI (Regulation VI) of STCW 95 and the STCW Code.
- 1.4 Candidates successfully completing any of the MCA-approved training programmes described below, should be issued by the organisation providing the training (training provider) with a certificate in the format given in Annex 1. Records relating to the issue of these certificates should be maintained by the training provider.

2.0 Familiarisation Training

- 2.1 Before being assigned to shipboard duties, all persons employed or engaged on a seagoing ship other than passengers, including stewards, shop staff, hairdressers and entertainers, are required to undertake approved familiarisation training in personal survival techniques **or** be given sufficient information and instruction to ensure that they can carry out the tasks listed in section A-VI/1, paragraphs 1.1-1.7 of the STCW Code. A record should be retained on board to show that this instruction has been given.

3.0 Basic Training

- 3.1 All seafarers having less than 6 months sea-service prior to 1 August 1998 or who have been assigned designated safety or pollution prevention duties in the operation of the ship must successfully complete those elements of approved basic training appropriate to their duties and functions.
- 3.2 The four elements of basic training are:
 - .1 personal survival techniques (STCW Code - Table A-VI/1-1);
 - .2 fire prevention and fire fighting (STCW Code - Table A-VI/ 1-2);
 - .3 elementary first aid (STCW Code - Table A-VI/1-3);
 - .4 personal safety and social responsibilities (STCW Code - Table A-VI/1-4).

4.0 Proficiency in Survival Craft and Rescue Boats (PSC & RB) (other than Fast Rescue Boats)

- 4.1 All candidates for certificates of competency, AB certificates and any other persons required to take charge of survival craft are required to prove proficiency in survival craft and rescue boat operations. Candidates must be at least 18 years old, have received approved or recognised training in Personal Survival Techniques within the preceding 5 years, have performed at least 6 months sea-service and have successfully completed an MCA-approved or recognised training programme meeting the standards laid down in STCW Code A-VI/2-1. In certain circumstances the MCA may permit companies to place persons practised in the handling and operation of liferafts in charge of liferafts in lieu of persons qualified as above. Applications should be made to the MCA's Chief Examiner at the address at the beginning of this MGN.

² Available from the Publications Section, International Maritime Organization, 4 Albert Embankment, London SE1 7SR

5.0 **Fast Rescue boats**

5.1 Persons involved in the operation of **fast rescue boats** must, in addition to the (PSC & RB) training above, have successfully completed an MCA-approved training programme meeting the standards laid down in STCW Code A-VI/2-2.

6.0 **Advanced Fire Fighting**

6.1 All candidates for certificates of competency, any other seafarer designated to control fire fighting operations and any ratings on tankers, assigned specific duties and responsibilities related to cargo or cargo equipment, must receive specialist training in advanced fire fighting techniques. Candidates must have performed at least 6 months sea service and have successfully completed an MCA-approved training programme meeting the standards laid down in STCW Code A-VI/3.

7.0 **Medical training**

7.1 Proficiency in **Medical First Aid** - all candidates for certificates of competency and all seafarers designated to provide medical first aid must have successfully completed an MCA-approved training programme meeting the standards laid down in STCW Code A-VI/4-1.

7.2 Proficiency in **Medical Care** - all candidates for master and chief mate certification under STCW Reg II/2, and any person designated to take charge of medical care on board ship, must in addition to the above medical first aid training, have successfully completed an MCA-approved medical care training programme meeting the standards laid down in STCW Code A-VI/4-2 within the preceding 5 years.

7.3 **Validity and Refresher Training** - The master and any other person in charge of medical care on a UK flag vessel will be required to undertake refresher training in Proficiency in Medical Care every 5 years.

7.4 Suitability qualified health care professionals (ie doctor, nurse or paramedic) will be exempted from the requirements at paragraphs 7.1-7.3 above.

8.0 **Marine Evacuation System Training**

8.1 Masters, officers and ratings with designated duties on the deployment of marine evacuation systems (MES) are required to be trained in accordance with the requirements of Regulation III/19.3.3.8 of the revised Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) Convention 1994, which came into force on 1 July 1998. Documentary evidence to this effect should be issued by the training provider.

9.0 **Approval of Training Programmes**

9.1 The MCA has agreed with the Merchant Navy Training Board (MNTB), specifications which will satisfy the requirements for approved training undertaken in the UK. These are available from the MNTB at Carthusian Court, 12 Carthusian Street, London EC1M 6EB. Organisations seeking approval for training which meets these specifications should apply to the Surveyor in Charge of their local MCA Marine Office. Part 8 gives further details.

10.0 **Transitional Arrangements**

10.1 The following table sets out the existing MCA-approved training which will be considered as meeting the STCW 95 requirements during the transitional period until 31 January 2002.

para ref in this Part	MCA-approved training required for STCW 95 certification	Training undertaken prior to 31.1.2002 acceptable for STCW 95 certification*
3.1.1	Personal Survival Techniques	Basic Sea Survival
3.1.2	Fire Prevention & Fire Fighting	Basic or Advanced Fire Fighting
3.1.3	Elementary First Aid	First Aid At Sea
4.1	Proficiency in Survival Craft & Rescue Boats (PSCRB)	Proficiency in Survival Craft (or equivalent)
6.1	Training in Advanced Fire Fighting	Advanced Fire Fighting (4 day)
7.1	Proficiency in Medical First Aid	First Aid at Sea
7.2	Proficiency in Medical Care	Ship Captain's Medical

* other training may be acceptable at the discretion of the MCA.

11.0 Further Advice

11.1 Further information, if required may be obtained from the MCA at any MCA Marine Office or at the address given at the beginning of this MGN.

