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## Written examination dates 2015/16: Deck and Engineer Officers (Merchant Navy)

Notice to all Owners, Masters, Officers and Seafarers in the Merchant Navy and those involved in Maritime Training.

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### **Please Note**

Where this document provides guidance on the law it should not be regarded as definitive. The way the law applies to any particular case may vary according to circumstances – for example, from vessels to vessel and you should consider seeking independent legal advice if you are unsure of your own legal position.

### **Summary**

This notice sets out the written examination dates for Merchant Navy Certificates of Competency for the academic year commencing 1 September 2015.

## **1. Introduction**

- 1.1 The Annex to this notice set out the pattern of written examinations for Certificates of Competency to be held in the academic year commencing 1 September 2015. The dates have been arranged following consultation with various representative organisations of the shipping industry. The examinations are administered by the Scottish Qualifications Authority (**SQA**), with the exception of the Officer in Charge of the Engineering Watch (III/1) which is administered by the International Association of Maritime Institutions (**IAMI**), on behalf of the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (**MCA**) and are held at their examination centres.
- 1.2 The following Merchant Navy certificates are available under International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping 1978, as amended, (**STCW**):

### *Deck department*

- a) Officer in Charge of a Navigational Watch <500gt near-coastal (STCW Reg. II/3)
- b) Officer in Charge of a Navigational Watch unlimited (STCW Reg. II/1)
- c) Chief Mate > 3000gt near-coastal (STCW Reg. II/2)



d) Master or Chief Mate unlimited (STCW Reg. II/2)

*Engine Department*

e) Officer in Charge of an Engineering Watch (STCW Reg. III/1)

f) Second Engineer Officer < 3000 kW (STCW Reg. III/3)

g) Second Engineer Officer unlimited (STCW Reg. III/2)

h) Chief Engineer Officer unlimited (STCW Reg. III/2)

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## ANNEX

**DATES OF SQA/MCA DECK AND ENGINEER OFFICER EXAMINATIONS FOR CERTIFICATES OF COMPETENCY (EXAMINATION ROUTE)  
FROM 1 SEPTEMBER 2015 - 31 AUGUST 2016 - MERCHANT NAVY**

Month	Exam Start Date	Deck Officer				Engineer Officer				
		Chief Mate/ Master Unlimited (II/2)	Chief Mate >3000gt Near Coastal (II/2)	Officer in Charge of Navigational Watch Unlimited (II/1)	Officer in Charge of Navigational Watch <500gt Near Coastal (II/3)	Chief Engineer Unlimited (III/2)	Second Engineer Unlimited (III/2)	Second Engineer <3000kW (III/3)	Officer in Charge of Engineering Watch (III/1)	
									Engineering Knowledge	General Engineering Science
<b>2015</b>										
September	No examinations									
October	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>								X	
October	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>					X	X			X
October	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup>			X						
October	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>			X						
November	No examinations									
December	Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup>			X	X					
December	Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>			X	X					
December	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	X								
December	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup>	X								
December	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>								X	
December	Monday 14 <sup>th</sup>					X	X			X
December	Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup>							X		
<b>2016</b>										
January	No examinations									
February	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>								X	
February	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>									X
February	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>			X						
February	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>			X						
March	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup>			X						
March	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>			X						
March	Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	X								
March	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup>	X								
April	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup>								X	
April	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>					X	X			X
April	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>							X		

