



Changes to the Y4 and Y3 Auxiliary Equipment Module Requirements and the Subsequent Oral Examinations.

Notice to all Ship owners, Masters, Officers, Ratings and those concerned with maritime training.

*This notice should be read with MSN 1859 and MIN 524
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Summary

This MIN details the changes in the requirements to obtain Y4 and Y3 Certificate of Competency currently detailed in MSN 1859. The change relates to the acceptance of SQA Small Vessel Auxiliary Equipment 1 module and examination as an alternative to completing the SQA Yacht Auxiliary Equipment module and examination. As the clutches and gearbox syllabus is not covered in the Auxiliary Equipment 1 module this will now be covered in the MCA Oral Examination at Y3 and Y4 level.

1. Introduction

1.1 We have been in consultation with industry and have designed a new route for Engineers to obtain a Y4 Certificate of Competency. Candidates can now complete the SQA Auxiliary Equipment Part 1 module and Examination in lieu of the full SQA Yacht Auxiliary Equipment requirements. However, in order to meet the requirements of the STCW Convention the clutch and gearbox syllabus will be covered in the oral examination.

1.2 We have detailed the new options below.

2. The New Options for Y4

2.1 To obtain a Chief Engineer, STCW Convention regulation, III/3, Certificate of Competency - Yacht 4 (Y4), in addition to the requirements in MSN 1859, you can now choose from the following SQA module options:



Option 1: Successfully complete the MCA-approved modules and pass the corresponding SQA examinations for:

- Yacht SQA Marine Diesel Engineering;
- Small Vessel SQA Auxiliary Equipment 1;
- Yacht SQA Operational Procedures, Basic Hotel Services and Ship Construction;

Option 2: Successfully complete the MCA-approved modules and pass the corresponding SQA examinations for:

- Small Vessel SQA Marine Diesel Engineering (which includes clutch and gearbox syllabus);
- Small Vessel SQA Auxiliary Equipment 1;
- Yacht SQA Operational Procedures, Basic Hotel Services and Ship Construction;

2.2 In all cases (including the route covered in MSN 1859), you must pass the MCA oral examination for “Y4” which will always include a section on clutch and gearbox topics. The Seafarer Training and Certification Branch will indicate this requirement on your Notice of Eligibility (NOE).

3. Progressing to a Y3

To obtain a Chief Engineer, STCW Convention regulation III/3, Certificate of Competency - Yacht 3 (Y3) in addition to the requirements in MSN 1859 you can now choose from the following SQA module options:

3.1 If you completed options 1 or 2 detailed in section 2 of this MIN to obtain a Y4, you will need to complete SQA Auxiliary Equipment 2 in lieu of SQA Yacht Auxiliary Equipment.

3.2 If you go straight to Y3 (not holding a Y4 CoC) you will now have the option of completing SQA Auxiliary Equipment 1 and 2 in lieu of SQA Yacht Auxiliary Equipment. If you undertake this route (that does not include SV Marine Diesel Engineering or SQA Yacht Auxiliary Equipment), you will not cover the clutch and gearbox syllabus. Your oral examination will always include these topics. The Seafarer Training and Certification Branch will indicate this requirement on your Notice of Eligibility (NOE).

3.3 If you complete the routes outlined in MSN 1859, you may be tested on clutches and gearboxes in the oral examination. This will be at the discretion of the Examiner and is not a mandatory requirement.

4. Notice of Eligibility (NOE)

If you meet the Y4 and Y3 requirements of MSN 1859 and the module options detailed above you will be issued with an NOE that in addition to the normal requirements will inform you whether or not clutches and gearboxes will be a mandatory section of your MCA oral examination.

5. Phasing out of Examinations

It is the MCA's intention to phase out Yacht Auxiliary SQA Equipment and Yacht SQA Marine Diesel Engineering as they will be replaced by SV Auxiliary Equipment 1 and 2 and SV Marine Diesel Engineering respectively. We would therefore not expect any new examinations for these modules after 31st July 2018.



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