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## Written examination dates 2017/18: 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 vessel 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 2017.

## **1. Introduction**

- 1.1 Annex 1 to this note sets out the pattern of written examinations for Certificates of Competency to be held in the academic year commencing 1 September 2017. 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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**DATES OF SQA/MCA DECK AND ENGINEER OFFICER EXAMINATIONS FOR CERTIFICATES OF COMPETENCY (EXAMINATION ROUTE)  
FROM 1 SEPTEMBER 2017 - 31 AUGUST 2018 - 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)	Management Engineer Unlimited (III/2)	Second Engineer <3000kW (III/3)	Officer in Charge of Engineering Watch (III/1)	
								Engineering Knowledge	General Engineering Science
<b>2017</b>									
September	No examinations								
October	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	X							
October	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	X							
October	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>			X					
October	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>			X					
October	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>							X	
October	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>					X			X
October	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>						X		
November	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup>			X	X				
November	Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup>			X	X				
November	Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup>	X							
December	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup>	X							
December	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>							X	
December	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>					X			X
December	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>						X		
<b>2018</b>									
January	No examinations								
February	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup>							X	
February	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>								X
February	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup>			X					
February	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>			X					
February	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>	X							
February	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>	X							
March	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>						X		
March	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>							X	
March	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup>			X		X			X
March	Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup>			X					

