



# South African Maritime Safety Authority

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### Revalidation of GMDSS radio operator Certificates of Competency

TO ALL REGIONAL MANAGERS, PRINCIPAL OFFICERS, RADIO EXAMINERS, ACCREDITED MARINE RADIO TRAINING INSTITUTIONS, SHIP OWNERS, MASTERS, SHIP'S OFFICERS AND AFFECTED PARTIES

*Marine Notice No. 18 of 2007 is hereby cancelled*

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#### *Summary*

This marine notice advises the requirements and SAMS policy in terms of the STCW Convention for the re-validation of the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System First-class & Second-class Radio Electronic Certificates and General Operator Certificates

1. For the purposes of this Marine Notice the following definitions apply:

#### **APPROVED SEA SERVICE.**

##### **GMDSS 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Radio Electronic Certificate.**

Approved seagoing service performing functions (Radiocommunications) appropriate to the certificate held – typically in the capacity of Radio Electronic Officer or Electro-technical Officer serving on a GMDSS vessel

##### **GMDSS General Operator's Certificate.**

Approved seagoing service performing functions (Radiocommunications) appropriate to the certificate held – typically in the capacity of Master or Deck Officer or Radio Operator serving on a GMDSS vessel.

#### **APPROVED COURSE**

A SAMS accredited GMDSS General Operator's Certificate Course or Refresher Course.

2. In terms of Regulation I/11 of the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers 1978, as amended, every master, officer and *radio operator* holding a certificate issued or recognized under any chapter of the Convention other than Chapter VI, who is serving at sea or intends to return to sea after a period ashore, shall, in order to continue to qualify for seagoing service, be required at intervals not exceeding five years, to: establish continued professional competence in accordance with Section A-I/11 of the STCW Code.

3. In terms of Section A-I/11 continued professional competence shall be established by:

- 3.1 approved seagoing service, performing functions appropriate to the certificate held for a period of at least twelve months in total during the preceding five years, or
- 3.2 having performed functions considered to be equivalent to seagoing service
- 3.3 passing an approved test; or
- 3.4 successfully completing an approved refresher course

The Annex includes the Application Form (FOP-515) to be used when applying for a GMDSS certificate, initial STCW endorsement and subsequent revalidation of a GMDSS Certificate of Competence

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# APPLICATION FOR A GMDSS CERTIFICATE, INITIAL STCW ENDORSEMENT AND SUBSEQUENT REVALIDATION OF A GMDSS CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCE



Please indicate certificate/endorsement required with X

GMDSS 1 <sup>st</sup> Class Radio Electronic Certificate		GMDSS 2 <sup>nd</sup> Class Radio Electronic Certificate		GMDSS General Operator's Certificate	
Initial STCW Endorsement		Revalidation of STCW Endorsement			

## 1 PERSONAL PARTICULARS OF APPLICANT

SURNAME: ..... FIRST NAMES: .....

DATE OF BIRTH: ..... COUNTRY OF BIRTH: .....

ID NO./PASSPORT: ..... NATIONALITY: .....

EYE COLOUR: ..... HAIR COLOUR: ..... HEIGHT: .....

PERMANENT ADDRESS: .....

TELEPHONE NO.: ..... CELLPHONE NO.: ..... EMAIL: .....

APPLICATION DATE: ..... PORT: .....

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE: ..... DATE: .....

## 2A DOCUMENTS TO ACCOMPANY ALL APPLICATIONS

Tick if enclosed

Official use only

ID book or passport		
3 x black and white passport-size photographs		
A receipt of payment made to SAMS SA (R350.00 / Issue of Radio Operator Certificate)		
Valid Medical Fitness Certificate (for sea service only)		

## 2B DOCUMENTS TO ACCOMPANY AN APPLICATION FOR A GMDSS 1<sup>st</sup> OR 2<sup>nd</sup> CLASS RADIO ELECTRONIC CERTIFICATE OR A GMDSS GENERAL OPERATOR'S CERTIFICATE

1 <sup>st</sup> Class Radio Electronic Certificate - Maritime Radiocommunications General Certificate and GMDSS General Operator's Certificate		
2 <sup>nd</sup> Class Radio Electronic Certificate – 1 <sup>st</sup> Class Radio Telegraph Certificate OR 2 <sup>nd</sup> Class Radio Telegraph Certificate and GMDSS General Operator's Certificate		
General Operator's Certificate – Original letter of successful completion of a GMDSS GOC Course issued by a SAMS SA accredited Training Institution		

## 2C DOCUMENTS TO ACCOMPANY AN APPLICATION FOR AN INITIAL STCW ENDORSEMENT

Valid South African Certificate of Competency <b>OR ALL of the following certificates</b>		
STCW A-VI/1-1 Personal Survival Techniques		
STCW A-VI/1-2 Fire Fighting and Fire Prevention		
STCW A-VI/1-3 Elementary First Aid		
STCW A-VI/1-4 Personal Safety and Social Responsibility		

**2D DOCUMENTS TO ACCOMPANY AN APPLICATION FOR REVALIDATION**

Tick if enclosed

Official use only

Proof of approved sea service * <b>OR</b>	
Proof of equivalent service <b>OR</b>	
Proof of completion of an <b>accredited GMDSS GOC refresher course** / full course***</b>	
Original GMDSS 1REC/2REC/GOC and <b>STCW endorsement</b> to be revalidated	


- \* twelve months approved sea service in total during the preceding five years whilst holding a valid certificate
- \*\* less than twelve months approved sea service in total during the preceding five years whilst holding a valid certificate
- \*\*\* less than twelve months approved sea service and certificate older than five years

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**3 SEA SERVICE**

Name of ship	Official No.	Deck Officer - GT	Type of service (unlimited, near-coastal, port operations)	Rank	Dates		Actual Period		Assessed period	
					From	To	Months	Days	Months	Days
Net qualifying service										

**4 FOR OFFICE USE ONLY**

I have checked the attached documentation in accordance with the applicable Marine Notice and am satisfied that the holder of the certificate meets all the requirements for the issue/revalidation of his/her GMDSS Certificate

Signature of Radio Examiner:

Date:

Name of Radio Examiner: