



South African Maritime Safety Authority

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Recognition of Foreign Seafarer Certificates of Competency in Terms of the STCW Convention

TO OWNERS, OPERATORS AND MASTERS OF SOUTH AFRICAN SHIPS (OTHER THAN FISHING VESSELS), FOREIGN CERTIFICATION HOLDERS, MANNING AGENCIES, PRINCIPAL OFFICERS AND EXAMINERS

Marine Notice no 22 of 2015 is hereby cancelled

Summary

This Marine Notice lists countries which South Africa, through SAMSA has entered into agreement with, to recognise Certificates of Competency issued by foreign administrations in accordance with Regulation I/10 of the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978, as amended. This is in accordance with Regulation 98 of the Merchant Shipping (Safe Manning, Training and Certification) Regulations, 2013, as amended.

1. In accordance with;
 - a. Regulation I/10 of the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978, as amended; and
 - b. The Merchant Shipping Act, 1951, as amended, including the Merchant Shipping (Safe Manning, Training and Certification) Regulations, 2013, as amended
2. SAMSA hereby publishes the list of countries with which there is agreements to recognise Certificates of Competency issued by them in the appendix.
3. Applications for recognition of Certificate of Competency may access the relevant procedure through the SAMSA website - <http://www.samsa.org.za/general-applications>

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Appendix

STCW parties whose certificates of competency for ships' officers have been accepted by SAMSA, in terms of regulation 98 of the Merchant Shipping (Safe Manning, Training and Certification) Regulations, 2013, and whose certificates of proficiency can be used for revalidation purposes only are as follows:.

Maritime Administrations	Recognition arrangements	
	SA Certificates	Foreign certification
Antigua and Barbuda	✓	✗
Australia	✓	✓
Bahamas	✓	✗
Barbados	✓	✗
Belgium	✓	✓
Belize	✓	✗
Cyprus	✓	✓
Denmark	✓	✓
Dominica	✓	✗
Finland	✓	✓
France	✓	✓
Hong Kong	✓	✓
Iran	✓	✓
Ireland	✓	✓
Isle of Man	✓	✗
Jordan	✓	✓
Kuwait	✓	✗
Liberia	✓	✗
Luxembourg	✓	✗
Malaysia	✓	✓
Marshall Islands	✓	✗
Netherlands	✓	✗
Norway	✓	✓
Philippines	✓	✓
Poland	✓	✓
Romania	✓	✓
Singapore	✓	✓
St Vincent and the Grenadines	✓	✗
Tanzania	✓	✓
United Kingdom	✓	✓
Vanuatu	✓	✗