



South African Maritime Safety Authority

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Exemption for existing seafarers applying for Able Seafarer (Fishing)

TO SAMSA EXAMINERS, PRINCIPAL OFFICERS, MARITIME EDUCATION & TRAINING PROVIDERS, SHIP AND FISHING VESSEL OWNERS & OPERATORS AND SEAFARERS

Summary

This Marine Notice grants exemption from holding a certificate of proficiency as ordinary seafarer (deck) for existing seafarers applying for able seafarer deck (Fishing)

Introduction

1. As per Marine Notice 35 of 2016 (Safe Manning of Fishing Vessels and Persons working on Fishing Vessels exemptions), new manning requirements as provided for by Part 6 of the Merchant Shipping (Safe Manning, Training and Certification) Regulations, 2013 will be required for fishing vessels at the first 'Safety Survey' occurring on or after 1st July 2018.
2. Significant issues have however been encountered by industry in being able to progress sufficient ratings up to Able Seafarer Deck (fishing) before this date.

Application

3. This Exemption applies to seafarers with sea service on board a fishing vessel obtained on or before 23 July 2013.
4. Seafarers who have commenced their service on board a fishing vessel after 23 July 2013 are required to comply with all the requirements as set out in the Regulations and any other procedure related thereto

Exemption

5. In terms of regulation 114 of the Merchant Shipping (Safe Manning, Training and Certification) Regulations, exemption is hereby granted from the requirement contained within regulation 60, namely for an applicant for Able Seafarer Deck (Fishing) to have previously held a certificate of proficiency as ordinary seafarer deck. This exemption is subject to a total of 24 months appropriate sea service being demonstrate.
6. The certificate issued will reflect the holder as holding an Rating forming part of a Navigational Watch [Ordinary Seamen] capacity with a Limitation for service on Fishing Vessel only.

Applying for a Certificate

7. All candidates, when applying for a certificate under this exemption, shall comply with the following:
 - 7.1. They must apply using the appropriate application form as may be found on SAMSA's website [<http://www.samsa.org.za/node/3294>] and/or in all SAMSA offices [<http://www.samsa.org.za/contact-information>] and comply with all the requirements set out therein, except for requirement to hold a certificate for Rating Forming part of Navigational Watch
 - 7.2. The Sea Service must be recorded on the Seaman's Record Book, Certificates of Discharge and/or a record written in the Company's letterhead. Where Seaman's Record Book and/or Certificate of Discharge are used, there must be a testimonial from the company.
8. Enquiries regarding the exemption may be directed to the Senior Examiner – Deck via e-mail to exams@samsa.org.za

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