

# South African Maritime Safety Authority



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## MARINE NOTICE No. 28 OF 2001

TO ALL PRINCIPAL OFFICERS, EXAMINERS, MASTERS, SKIPPERS, SHIP'S OFFICERS, FISHERMEN, RATINGS, SHIPOWNERS, OWNERS OF FISHING VESSELS AND TRAINING INSTITUTIONS

### **CERTIFICATE OF QUALIFICATION: "PROFICIENCY IN SURVIVAL CRAFT - LOCAL" TO BE REPLACED BY "PROFICIENCY IN LIFERAFTS"**

- 1 On 1 February 2002, the Merchant Shipping (Training and Certification) Regulations, 1999, will come fully into force and the Certificates of Qualification Regulations, 1985, will be repealed.
- 2 Under the Certificates of Qualification Regulations, 1985, a certificate known as the "Certificate of Proficiency in Survival Craft - Local" was issued. This certificate was intended for fishers and personnel serving in Port Operations craft, who did not require the full STCW certificate of proficiency in survival craft, and limited the holder to serve in ships equipped with liferafts only.
- 3 The Merchant Shipping (Training and Certification) Regulations, 1999, make provision for the issue of the certificate: "Proficiency in Liferafts". This is a non-STCW qualification and is equivalent to the (old) "Proficiency in Survival Craft - Local" certificate. All certificates issued in terms of the Merchant Shipping (Training and Certification) Regulations, 1999, are produced by the Registrar of Seafarers in Pretoria (new green booklets).
- 4 Certificates issued by accredited training institutions and "old" certificates can be exchanged for the new certificate via your nearest SAMSA office. (See Marine Notice No. 29 of 2000, issued on 15 November 2000.)
- 5 Training Institutions are reminded that accreditations for "old" qualifications will expire on 31 January 2002 and are urged to apply for accreditation of the course(s) they offer as soon as possible.

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