



# South African Maritime Safety Authority

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### Verification of new format Certificates

TO ALL SEAFARERS, EMPLOYERS, SHIP OWNERS and OPERATORS, FLAG STATE INSPECTORS, PORT STATE CONTROL OFFICERS, SURVEYORS

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#### *Summary*

The purpose of this Marine Notices is to introduce a new electronic verification system for certificates issued by SAMSA

#### Introduction

1. The South African Maritime Safety Authority (SAMSA) hereby notifies all Flag State administrators, Port State Control Officers (PSCO), employers, employment agencies and verification agencies of the electronic verification of STCW Certificates.
2. With effect from the publication of this Marine Notice, SAMSA will cease manual verifications of all new format certificates in favour of the electronic system that has been introduced. All persons who have sent verification request and have not received a response must resubmit them using the electronic means.
3. The system has been developed to improve efficiency of SAMSA's responses to verification requests from Flag State administrators, PSCO's, employers, employment agencies and verification agencies.
4. The electronic verification can be accessed here on [SAMSA's website](#).
5. Enquiries relating this Marine Notice must be directed to:
  - 5.1. Verification of certificates: the Registrar of Seafarers via e-mail to [seafarers@samsa.org.za](mailto:seafarers@samsa.org.za).
  - 5.2. Application for certificates: the Chief Examiner via e-mail to [exams@samsa.org.za](mailto:exams@samsa.org.za).

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