

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE TRAINING STANDARDS CODE AND THE SYLLABUS COMMITTEE

ALL SAMSA PERSONNEL, SHIP AGENTS, PORT AUTHORITIES, SHIP OWNERS, SHIP MANAGERS, SEAFARERS AND OTHER INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES

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SUMMARY

This Marine Notice informs members of the public about the establishment of the Training Standards Code and the Syllabus Committee; thus fulfilling the legal requirements of the Merchant Shipping (Training, Certification and Safe Manning) Regulations, 2021

Introduction

1. The Merchant Shipping (Training, Certification and Safe Manning) Regulations, 2021 (herein called the Regulations) requires that the Authority¹ establishes:
 - 1.1. The Syllabus Committee (SyllComm) as set out in Regulation 9 of the Regulations; and
 - 1.2. The Training Standards Code (TSC) as set out in Regulation 84
2. SAMSA has taken steps to give effect to these two provisions - and hereby advises the industry accordingly.

Access to information regarding the SyllComm and the TSC

3. Information regarding the Syllabus Committee can be accessed through the SAMSA website here - <https://www.samsa.org.za/Pages/Syllabus-Committee.aspx>
4. Information regarding the Training Standards Code can be accessed through the SAMSA website here - <https://www.samsa.org.za/Pages/%E2%80%8BTraining-Standards-Code.aspx>

The Syllabus Committee

5. The Syllabus Committee, as set out in the Regulations, will succeed the Committee as set out in the Merchant Shipping (Safe Manning, Training and Certification) Regulations, 2013, as amended (repealed Regulations); and the arrangements prior to the current committee shall remain in place.
6. Membership of the new Syllabus Committee shall be as agreed in the 26th Meeting of the previous Syllabus Committee, in May 2018 – the composition of which is published on the SAMSA Website.
7. The next meeting of the Syllabus Committee is set to take place over two days on 25 & 26 August 2021 - with the broad agenda items being:
 - 7.1. Day one – approval of the Training Standards Code, phase 1 (STCW Convention based training standards) via workshops. This session is open to all members of the public.

¹ Defined in the Merchant Shipping Act, 1951 as "Authority" means the South African Maritime Safety Authority [SAMSA] established by section 2 of the South African Maritime Safety Authority Act, 1998;

- 7.2. Day two – formal meeting, only for members as published on the SAMSA Website and those who have been invited by the Chairperson.

Training Standards Code

8. The Training Standards Code (TSC) was preceded by the South African Maritime Qualifications Code (SAMSA Code).
9. The regulations require that the TSC shall be kept under review by the Syllabus Committee by striving for consensus.
10. The format of the training standards shall be in the format previously agreed to by the Syllabus Committee.
11. Due to the volume of work, the Training Standards Code will be promulgated in phases as set out below:
 - 11.1. Phase 1 – STCW Convention based training standards (due by the 28th Syllabus Committee)
 - 11.2. Phase 2 – Fishing based training standards (due by the 29th Syllabus Committee)
 - 11.3. Phase 3 – Port Operations and Local training standards (due by the 30th Syllabus Committee)

Invitation to comment

12. Members of the public may make comments on the composition of the Syllabus Committee.
13. Members of the public, including the members of the Syllabus Committee are invited to review and send comments regarding the contents the published draft training Standards for Phase 1 set out above.
14. Comments may be directed via e-mail to exams@samsa.org.za, on or before 24 August 2021

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