

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, SEAFARER RECRUITMENT AND PLACEMENT AGENCIES, PRINCIPAL OFFICERS AND EXAMINERS

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Marine Information Notice's and /or Marine Notice's affected

<i>Cancelled or superseded:</i>	MIN 07-25	<i>Read in conjunction with:</i>	Not Applicable
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SUMMARY

This Marine Information Notice lists countries which South Africa has entered Memorandum of Understanding 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 99 of the Merchant Shipping (Training, Certification and Safe Manning) Regulations, 2021

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 Regulation 99 of the Merchant Shipping (Training, Certification and Safe Manning) Regulations, 2021

2. SAMSA hereby publishes the list of countries with which there are agreements to recognise Certificates of Competency issued by them in the appendix. Accordingly, the list in the appendix should be read such that ✓ - indicates acceptance and ✗ - indicates not accepted and columns have the following meaning:
 - a. Recognition arrangements, SA Certificates – whether the other party accepts South African certificates;
 - b. Recognition arrangements, Foreign certification – whether foreign certificates are accepted in South Africa

3. Applications for recognition of Certificate of Competency may access the relevant procedure through the [SAMSA website](http://www.samsa.org.za)

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Appendix

STCW parties whose certificates of competency for ships' officers have been accepted by SAMSA 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	✓	✗
Croatia	✗	✓
Cyprus	✓	✓
Denmark	✓	✓
Dominica	✓	✗
Finland	✓	✓
Ghana	✓	✓
Hong Kong	✓	✓
Iran	✓	✓
Ireland	✓	✓
Isle of Man	✓	✗
Jordan	✓	✓
Kuwait	✓	✗
Liberia	✓	✗
Luxembourg	✓	✗
Malaysia	✓	✓
Marshall Islands	✓	✗
Netherlands	✓	✗
Norway	✓	✓
Panama	✓	✓
Philippines	✓	✓
Poland	✓	✓
Romania	✓	✓
Singapore	✓	✓
St Vincent and the Grenadines	✓	✗
Sweden	✓	✓
Tanzania	✓	✓
United Kingdom	✓	✓
Vanuatu	✓	✗