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Major revisions to the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (the STCW Convention), and its associated Code enter into force on 1 January 2012, with a five-year transitional period until 1 January 2017.

The “Manila Amendments” were adopted at a Diplomatic Conference in Manila, the Philippines, held in June 2010, and are aimed at ensuring that the necessary global standards will be in place to train and certify seafarers to operate technologically-advanced ships for some time to come.

The important changes to each chapter of the Convention and Code include the following:

- Improved measures to prevent fraudulent practices associated with certificates of competency and strengthen the evaluation process (monitoring of Parties' compliance with the Convention).
- Revised requirements on hours of work and rest and new requirements for the prevention of drug and alcohol abuse, as well as updated standards relating to medical fitness standards for seafarers.
- New certification requirements for able seafarers.
- New requirements relating to training in modern technology such as electronic charts and information systems (ECDIS).
- New requirements for marine environment awareness training and training in leadership and teamwork.
- New training and certification requirements for electro-technical officers.



- Updating of competence requirements for personnel serving on board all types of tankers, including new requirements for personnel serving on liquefied gas tankers.
- New requirements for security training, as well as provisions to ensure that seafarers are properly trained to cope if their ship comes under attack by pirates.
- Introduction of modern training methodology including distance learning and web-based learning.
- New training guidance for personnel serving on board ships operating in polar waters.
- New training guidance for personnel operating Dynamic Positioning Systems.

Transitional provisions

Regulation I/15 Transitional provisions of the amended STCW Convention states that:

“1. Until 1 January 2017, a Party may continue to issue, recognize and endorse certificates in accordance with the provisions of the Convention which applied immediately prior to 1 January 2012 in respect of those seafarers who commenced approved seagoing service, an approved education and training programme or an approved training course before 1 July 2013.

.2. Until 1 January 2017, a Party may continue to renew and revalidate certificates and endorsements in accordance with the provisions of the Convention which applied immediately prior to 1 January 2012.

pls. see below the table , is aimed at seafarers of all ranks and nationalities. Its main purpose is to help you find out how the 2010 Manila amendments to the STCW will affect you.

Best regards

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/ Guidance table of competence requirements

Category	STCW Title	Amendments 2010	Offices										Ratings										Other			
			Deck					Engine					Deck					Engine					Catering	Others		
			Master	Chief Officer	Officer of the watch	Radio officer	Chief engineer	Second engineer	Officer of the watch	Electro-technical officer	Electrical engineer	Cadet (deck/engine)	Bosun	Watch-keeping rating	AB deck/integrated	OS/welder/mechanic	Deck boy/trainee	Electro-technical rating	Pumpman/motorman	Watch-keeping rating	AB engine/integrated	Electrician rating	Engine trainee	Chief steward/purser	Cook/2nd steward	Steward/messboy
Main certificate	Certificate of competence	New certificates																								
	Certificate of proficiency	New certificates																								
	Endorsement	No change																								
	watch keeping certificate for ratings	No change																								
	Endorsement of recognition, foreign flag	No change																								
	Medical fitness	Revised																								
Catering	Certificate of qualification as cook	ILO requirement																								
	personal survival techniques	No change																								
Basic safety training evidence	Fire fighting	No change																								
	Elementary first aid	No change																								
	Personal and social responsibility	No change																								
Familiarization	Ship specific familiarization	No change																								
	Security familiarization	New requirement																								
Personnel assigned with other safety or security functions	Proficiency in survival craft and rescue boat	Five year refresher																								
	Fast rescue boat	Five year refresher																								
	Advance fire fighting	Five year refresher																								
	Medical first aid	Guidance update																								
	Medical care	Guidance update																								
	Ship security officer	New requirement																								
ARPA, RADAR, GMDSS	Security awareness or security training	New requirement																								
	ARPA (if fitted)	No change																								
	Radar	No change																								
Personnel on tankers cargo operators	GMDSS-ROC or GOC	No change																								
	Basic training on oil and chemical tankers	New format																								
	Advance training for oil tankers	New format																								
	Advanced training for chemical tankers	New format																								
	Basic training on oil & chemical tankers for ratings	New format																								
	Basic training for officers on liquefied gas tankers	New format																								
	Basic training for ratings on liquefied gas tankers	New format																								
Personnel on passenger ships	Advanced training for liquefied gas tankers	New format																								
	Crowd management	No change																								
	Safety training	Amended																								
	Passenger safety	No change																								
Training	Crisis management & human behaviour	No change																								
	Training record book	No change																								

■ Compulsory requirement
 ■ If designated with specific function
 ■ Radio operator on non GMDSS ship needs to hold a certificate. Training records must now be kept by all crew if they wish to be claim dispensation from the 5 yearly refresher on safety training etc but may not require a record book in all cases