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To	All Surveyors/Auditors. All flags
Title	<b>Crew certificates of competence STCW</b>
Reference	STCW

### **Crew certificates of competence STCW**

This Guidance addresses the crew certificate criteria pertaining to STCW Code to assist CONARINA auditors understand and effectively audit these ISM and STCW requirements.

#### **International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978**

International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978 was adopted on 7 July 1978 and entered into force on 28 April 1984. The main purpose of the Convention is to promote safety of life and property at sea and the protection of the marine environment by establishing in common agreement international standards of training, certification and watchkeeping for seafarers.

#### **The STCW Code**

The regulations contained in the Convention are supported by Part A and B in the STCW Code. The Convention contains basic requirements which are then explained in the Code.

**Part A** of the Code is mandatory. The minimum standards of competence required for seagoing personnel are given in detail in a series of tables. Chapter II of the Code, for example, deals with standards regarding the master and deck department.

**Part B** of the Code contains recommended guidance which is intended to help member states implement the Convention. The measures suggested are not mandatory and the examples given are only intended to illustrate how certain Convention requirements may be complied with. However, the recommendations in general represent an approach that has been harmonized by discussions within IMO and consultation with other international organizations.

#### **Certificate of competence:**

This document is issued to masters, officers, radio operators and ratings forming part of a watch who meet the standards of competence relevant to their particular functions and level of responsibility on-board. The table below indicates the title of the certificates under STCW and the various limitations and tonnage thresholds that apply.

#### **DECK CREW**

CAPACITY	AREA LIMITATION	TONNAGE LIMITATION
Master	Near Coastal	Less than 500 gt
	None	Less than 3,000 gt
	None	None
Chief Mate	None	Less than 3,000 gt
	None	None
Officer in charge of	Near coastal	Less than 500 gt

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navigational watch (OOW)	None	None
Rating forming part of a navigational watch	None	None
Radio operator	GMDSS (GOC/ROC)	None

**ENGINE CREW**

CAPACITY	AREA LIMITATION	PROPULSION POWER LIMITATION
Chief engineer	None None Near Coastal Near Coastal	750 kw to 3,000 kw 3,000kw or more 750 kw to 3,000 kw 3,000kw or more
Second engineer	None None Near Coastal Near Coastal	750 kw to 3,000 kw 3,000 kw or more 750 kw to 3,000 kw 3,000kw or more
Officer in charge of engineering watch (OOW)	None Near Coastal	3,000kw or more Less than 3,000kw
Rating forming part of an engineering watch	None	None

- **Endorsement:** A document issued to masters and officers, either as part of the certificate or as a separate document. This attests (endorses) that the national certificate has been issued in accordance with all STCW requirements.
- **Endorsement of recognition:** This endorsement certificate is issued by an administration as an official recognition of the validity of a certificate issued by another administration.

## REFERENCES:

- CONARINA – ISM and STCW
- ATTACHMENTS: No

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