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To	All Surveyors/Auditors. All flags
Title	Crew certificates of proficiency and medical - STCW
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Certificates of proficiency:

A certificate, other than a certificate of competency issued to a seafarer, stating that the relevant requirements of training, competencies or seagoing service in the convention have been met. These documents are issued to certify that the seafarer has met the required standard of competence in a specific duty.

Documentary evidence:

Documentation, other than a certification of competency or certificate of proficiency used to establish that the relevant requirements of the convention have been met. These documents are not necessarily issued or recognized by the administration (and is not, therefore, called a certificate).

STCW provisions for medical certificates

Regulation I/9 – Medical standards

- a. Every seafarer holding a certificate issued under the provisions of the STCW convention shall also hold a valid medical certificate issued in accordance with the provisions of this regulation and of section A-I/9 of STCW Code. [Reg. I/9.3]
- b. Medical fitness examinations of seafarers shall be conducted by appropriately qualified and experienced medical practitioners recognized by the flag administration. [Sect. A-I/9.3]
- c. Medical certificates shall be in the official language and as a minimum be provided in English. [Sect. A-I/9.8]
- d. Medical certificates shall remain valid for a maximum period of two years unless the seafarer is under the age of 18, in which case the maximum period of validity shall be one year. [Reg. I/9.5]
- e. If the period of validity of a medical certificate expires in the course of a voyage, then the medical certificate shall continue in force until the next port of call where a medical practitioner is available, provided that period shall not exceed three months. [Reg. I/9.6]

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