



Marine Notice No. 02 of 2009

*NOTICE TO OWNERS, OPERATORS, MANAGERS, MASTERS AND OFFICERS SERVING IN
STANDBY, SEISMIC SURVEY AND OCEANOGRAPHIC RESEARCH VESSELS.*

Use of Fishing Vessel Certificates of Competency in Standby, Seismic Survey and Oceanographic Research Vessels

1 Introduction

1. The Merchant Shipping (Training and Certification) Regulations 2007 (S.I. No. 703 of 2007), implement in Ireland some of the requirements of the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978, as amended, (STCW 78, as amended)¹ and its associated Code (STCW Code).
2. This notice gives details of how holders of fishing vessel certificates of competency can obtain restricted STCW 78, as amended, Merchant Navy Certificates of Competency to allow for employment in standby, seismic survey or oceanographic research vessels.

2 Requirements for all applicants

2.1 **All** applicants must hold the following:

1. a valid Irish fishing vessel certificate of competency;
2. a valid medical fitness certificate (currently ENG 11) or equivalent;
3. an advanced fire-fighting certificate as required by Section A-VI/3 of the STCW Code;
4. i) a Certificate of Proficiency in Survival Craft and Rescue Boats other than Fast Rescue Boats as required by Section A-VI/2 paragraphs 1 to 4 of the STCW Code,
or
ii) a Certificate of Proficiency in Survival Craft, *or*
iii) a Lifeboatman's certificate;
5. i) a valid Medical First Aid certificate as required by Section A-VI/4 paragraphs 1 to 3 of the STCW Code, *or*

ii) a valid Medical Care certificate as required by Section A-VI/4 paragraphs 4 to 6 of the STCW Code;
6. a valid Personal Safety and Social Responsibilities certificate as required by Section A-VI/1 paragraph 2.1.4 of the STCW Code;

¹ Available from the Publications Department, the International Maritime Organisation, 4 Albert Embankment, London SE1 7SR

3 Additional requirements for deck officers other than master

3.1 In addition to the requirements set out in paragraph 2 above, deck officers, other than the master, must also hold the following:

1. a GMDSS General Operator's Certificate (GOC); *and*
2.
 - i) an Electronic Navigation Systems (ENS) certificate (Fishing), *or*
 - ii) an Electronic Navigation Systems certificate (Merchant Navy), *or*
 - iii) Radar Observer and Radar Simulator certificates, *or*
 - iv) a Navigation Radar and ARPA Simulator Training (operational) certificate.

4 Additional requirements for masters

4.1 In addition to the requirements of paragraph 2 above, masters must also hold the following:

1. a GMDSS General Operator's Certificate (GOC); *and*
2.
 - i) a Navigation Control Course certificate (Fishing), *or*
 - ii) a Navigation Control Course certificate (Merchant Navy), *or*
 - iii) a Navigation Radar and ARPA Simulator Training (management) certificate, *or*
 - iv) Radar Observer and Radar Simulator and ARPA certificates.

4.2 The Department of Transport may consider other qualifications as acceptable in lieu of any of the above.

5 Certificates of service

Fishing vessel certificates of service (deck) will not be considered for the issue of an STCW 78, as amended, certificate.

6 Application procedure

Applications for STCW 78, as amended, certificates of competency described above should be made on Form EXN2, which may be obtained from any Mercantile Marine Office. Applicants should clearly mark the top of the application form "Fishing to Standby Conversion" and forward it, together with the appropriate fee and all original documentary proof of the above requirements to the Examination Section, Marine Survey Office, Leeson Lane, Dublin 2.

7 Limitations and capacities endorsed on STCW 78, as amended, certificates

7.1 All certificates will be endorsed with the limitation “Standby, seismic survey and oceanographic research vessels only”, and will be issued under STCW 78, as amended, Regulation II.

7.2 Deck certificates will have a capacity entered, which will depend on the fishing vessel certificate of competency originally held and the seagoing service completed on board standby, seismic survey and oceanographic vessels. The following table sets out the capacities, which may be entered:

Current Certificate	Sea Service	STCW 95 Capacity & Reg
Skipper (Full)	12 months or more as Chief Mate	Master II/2
Skipper (Full)	Less than 12 months	Chief Mate II/2
Second Hand (Full)	N/A	Chief Mate II/2
Skipper (Limited)	N/A	Chief Mate II/2
Second Hand (Limited)	N/A	Navigational OOW II/1 Near Continental Trading Area
Second Hand (Special)	N/A	Navigational OOW II/1 Near Continental Trading Area

8 Further Information

8.1 Further information, if required, is available from the Examination Section, Marine Survey Office, Leeson Lane, Dublin 2. Telephone: 01-6783400, Fax 01-6783409, Email: mso@transport.ie

8.2 EXN2 Form available from the Mercantile Marine Office, Leeson Lane, Dublin 2. Telephone: 01 6783480, Fax: 01 6783489, Email: MMO@transport.ie

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