

Information regarding new format for the Norwegian Certificate of Competency and for the Norwegian Certificate of Proficiency

Dear Sir/ Madam

With reference to the Agreement between our Governments regarding the recognition of seafarers' certificates pursuant to Regulation I/10 of the STCW Convention, the Norwegian Maritime Authority hereby wish to inform you that Norway has adopted a new format for the Norwegian Certificate of Competency issued under Chapter II and III of the STCW Convention 1978 as amended.

The new format will also apply to some of the Norwegian Certificate of Proficiency issued under Chapter V and VI of the STCW Convention 1978 as amended.

The Norwegian certificate and national endorsement are issued as a combined document. The flag state endorsement issued in accordance with Regulation I/10, will be in the same format.

The new formats for the Norwegian certificates are available from 1 July 2013.

As a transitional provision pursuant to Regulation I/15 of the 2010 STCW Convention, Norway will continue to issue and renew certificates in accordance with the provisions of the 1995 revision of the STCW Convention until 1 July 2014. These certificates will expire on 31 December 2016.

Certificates will be endorsed in accordance with the provisions of the 1995 revision of the STCW Convention until 31 December 2016.

CoCs and CoPs are issued in two formats. All STCW MA 2010 certificates issued by NMA on permanent basis will be issued in a 'credit card' size plastic format. The new format is in line with our efforts to strengthen the security features of our certificates and thereby curb the proliferation of fraudulent certificates. Moreover, the authenticity of said certificates can be verified on The Norwegian Maritime Authority's website.

CoPs issued on behalf of NMA will have a uniform layout, and are provided with the issuing organisation's accreditation number.

After 1 January 2017 all renewable Norwegian certificates will be issued in the new formats.

Specimens of said certificates are enclosed for your reference.

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| Regulation | Type of certificate | Format | Issued by |
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| II/1, II/2, II/3, III/1, III/2, III/3, III/6, | Certificate of Competency – for masters and officers | Plastic format | Norwegian Maritime Authority |
| II/4, III/4, | Certificate of Proficiency – for ratings duly certified to be a part of a navigational watch or engine-room watch. | Plastic format | Norwegian Maritime Authority |
| II/5, III/5, III/7 | Certificate of Proficiency – for ratings duly certified as able seafarer deck, able seafarer engine or electro-technical rating. | Plastic format | Norwegian Maritime Authority |
| V/1-1, V/1-2 | Certificate of Proficiency – for masters, officers and other personnel with immediate responsibility for cargo related operations on oil tankers, chemical tankers and liquefied gas tankers. Certificate as Tankerman advanced. | Plastic format | Norwegian Maritime Authority |
| V/1-1, V/1-2 | Certificate of Proficiency – for officers and ratings on oil tankers, chemical tankers and liquefied gas tankers. Certificate as Tankerman basic. | Plastic format | Norwegian Maritime Authority |
| V/2 | Documentary evidence-training for masters, officers, ratings and other personal serving on passenger ships. | N/A. | Authorized training center |
| VI/1 | Certificate of Proficiency – for basic training. | A-4 format, paper. May be included in II/1, II/2, II/3, III/1, III/2, III/3, III/6, II/4 or III/4 certificates | Authorized Training center |
| VI/2 | Certificate of Proficiency- in survival craft and Certificate of Proficiency- in fast rescue boat. | FRB plastic format, other in A-4 format, paper. May be included in II/1, II/2, II/3, III/1, III/2, III/3, III/6, II/4 or III/4 certificates | Norwegian Maritime Authority |
| VI/3 | Certificate of Proficiency- for training in advanced fire fighting. | A-4 format, paper May be included in II/1, II/2, II/3, III/1, III/2, III/3, III/6, II/4 or III/4 certificates | Authorized training center |
| VI/4 | Certificate of Proficiency- | A-4 format, paper | Authorized training center |

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| | for medical first aid and medical care | May be included in II/1, II/2, II/3, III/1, III/2, III/3, III/6, II/4 or III/4 certificates | |
| VI/5 | Certificate of Proficiency -for Ship security officer | A-4 format, paper | Authorized training center |
| VI/6 | Certificate of Proficiency -for security awareness training or security training for seafarers with designated security duties. | A-4 format, paper. May be included in an other certificate. | Norwegian Maritime Authority in a transitional period until 1. January 2014. After 1. January: Authorized training center |

Please be advised of the contact details for any concerns relating to seafarers' certificates issued by the Norwegian government:

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Link to verification: <https://verify.sdir.no/Certificate>

Link to endorsement: <https://verify.sdir.no/Endorsement>

Yours faithfully,

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