

**Every candidate for a Certificate of Competency as officer in charge of a Navigational Watch on Ships of less than 500GT, engaged on Near Coastal Voyages shall:**

- (a) not be less than 18 years of age on the date of commencement of the examination for the issue of the Certificate of Competency
- (b) Have completed:
  - (i) an approved training of not less than twenty four months duration, either pre-sea or on board ship, which include a period of seagoing service of not less than twelve months durations and has served at least six months out of the twelve months seagoing period performing duties associated with bridge watch keeping on ships of 80GT or more or
  - (ii) approved seagoing service in the deck department of not less than thirty six months duration, on ships of 80GT or more
- (c) produce documentary evidence of having successfully completed training Personal Safety and Social Responsibilities (A-VI/1-4 in STCW code), Proficiency in Survival Craft and Rescue Boats(A-VI/2-1 in STCW Code, Advanced Fire Fighting(A-VI/3 in STCW Code, Medical First Aid (A-VI/4-1 IN STCW code) and general operator's certificate (GMDSS), before he or she can be considered as having qualified for the issue of the Certificate of Competency: and
- (d) have completed education, training, examination and assessment meeting the standards of competence specified in section A-11/3 of the STCW code for officers in charge of navigational watch on ships of less than 500GT engaged on near coastal voyages.