

Every candidate for the certificate of competency as officer in charge of Navigational Watch on ships of less than 3000GT 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) approved seagoing services of not less than eighteen months duration in the deck department on ships of 500GT or more as part of an approved training program which includes on-board training as specified in an approved record book that meets the standards of competence specified in section A11/1 of the STCW code as appropriate to near coastal voyages, or otherwise have an approved seagoing service of not less than 36 months.

A candidate who has performed approved seagoing service on a ship of less than 500GT shall be assessed at two-third of the actual seagoing service claimed

(ii) have performed during the required seagoing service not less than six months bridge watch keeping duties as specified in the DECK cadet's Training Record Book under the supervision of the Master or a qualified officer,

(c) produce documentary evidence of having successfully completed the following approved training, for issue of a certificate of competency , in Personal Safety and Social Responsibilities (A-VI/I-4in 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) :and

(d) have completed approved education, training, examination and assessment meeting the standard of competence specified in A-11/1 of the STCW code for officer in charge of a navigational watch on ships less than 3000GT engaged on near coastal voyages.

(2) Two-third of the period of service on deck duties on seagoing ships of less than, 500GT may be treated as seagoing service for the purpose of this regulation and every candidate shall, in addition, have served at least twelve months performing deck duties on seagoing ships of 500GT or more.