

Every candidate for the issue of certificate of Competency as Master on ships less than 3000 GT engaged on near coastal voyages shall:-

- (a) Hold a Certificate of Competency as Chief Mate on ships of less than 3000GT engaged on near coastal voyages
- (b) Has approved seagoing service of not less than thirty six months as an officer in charge of a navigational watch, on ships of 500GT or more. However, this period may be reduced to not less than 30months, or pro-rata, if not less than 12 months of such seagoing service has been served as chief mate on ships of 500GT or more
- (c) Have completed an approved ship management course
- (d) have completed approved simulator training in ship handling/maneuvering, or in lieu additional three months approved seagoing service as Chief Mate on ships not less than 500GT on near coastal voyages and
- (d) Pass an examination conducted by the Chief examiner meeting the standards of competence specified in section A-11/2 in STCW code for Master on ships of between 500GT and 3000GT engaged near coastal voyages