

**Every candidate for the issue of certificate of competency as officer in charge of a Navigational watch on ships of 500GT or more 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 approved seagoing service in the deck department on trading ships of 500GT or more for period of not less than eighteen months as part of an approval training program which meets the requirements of section A-11/1 and in which on board training is documented in an approved record book or other wise have approved seagoing service of not less than thirty six months

(c) have performed, during the required seagoing service, bridge watch keeping duties under the supervision of the Master or a qualified officer for period of not less than six months

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

(c) Have completed approved education, training, examination and assessment meeting the standard of competence specified in Section A-II/1 of the STCW