

**Every candidate for the issue of the certificate of competency as Master shall**

- (a) hold an appropriate certificate of competency as Chief Mate
- (b) Have approved seagoing service of not less than twenty four months as an officer in Charge of a navigational watch, while holding the certificate of competency as Chief Mate. However, this period may be reduced to not less than twelve months, or pro-rata, if such seagoing service has been served as a Chief Mate on ships of 500GT or more
- (c) Have completed an approved Management program and
- (d) Pass an examination conducted by the Chief Examiner meeting the standard of competence specified in section A-11/2 in the STCW code, for Master on ships of 3000GT or more or on ships of between 500GT and 3000GT as appropriate.