Every candidate for the issue of certificate of Competency as Officer in-charge of an engineering watch in a manned engine room or designated duty engineer in a periodically unmanned engine room on ships of propulsion power of 750Kw or more shall:

- (a) be not less than 18 years of age on the date of commencement of the examination for the issue of certificate of competency;
- (b) have completed approved seagoing service of not less than twelve months in the engine department on ships of propulsion power of 750Kw or more including six months of engine room watch keeping under the supervision of the chief engineer or other certificated engineer as part of an approved education training and assessment program of forty two months duration which meets the requirements set out in section A-III/I in the STCW Code and in which on-board training is documented in an approved record book;
- (c) produce documentary evidence of having successfully completed the approved training in personal safety and social responsibility (A-VI/1- 4 in the STCW Code), Proficiency in sea survival Craft and rescue boat (A-VI/2 1 in the STCW Code), advanced fire fighting (A-VI/3 in the STCW Code) and Medical First aid (A-VI/4 1 in the STCW Code) before he or she can be considered as having qualified for issue of the certificate of competency-officer in-charge of an engineering watch in a manned engine room or designated duty engineer in a periodically unmanned engine room on ships of propulsion power 750Kw or more.
- (d) have completed approved education, training, examination and assessment meeting the standard of competence set out in section A –III/1 in the STCW Code for certificate of competency-officer in-charge of an engineering watch in a manned engine room or designated duty engineer in a periodically unmanned engine room on ships of propulsion power of between 750KW or more.

Candidates who have not satisfied the standard of competence set out in section A-III/1 in the STCW Code for the operation and maintenance of steam boilers shall be issued with a certificate of Competency which may not be valid for service on ships in which steam boilers form part of ship's machinery until the engineer officer meets the required standard of competence.

The Certificate of Competency may be issued as applicable to motor ships or steam ships depending on whether the candidate has completed the approved seagoing service specified in regulation (1) (b) above, on motor ships or steam ships respectively.

Combined Certificate of Competency as applicable to motor and steam ships may be issued, if the candidate has completed the required seagoing service specified in regulation (1)(b) above, in each of the motor ships and steam ships.