

Guidelines for assessment of competence for officers with more than 6 months of seagoing service as officers in Danish shipping companies for issue of Danish recognition certificate

Purpose of this document

The purpose of this document is to lay down procedures to be followed by shipping companies and officers on Danish merchant ships when assessing competence and reporting such assessment to the Danish Maritime Authority related to officers with more than 6 months of seagoing service as officers in Danish shipping companies within the latest 2 years.

Scope

These procedures cover assessment of competence for issue of recognition certificates certifying compliance with requirements in accordance with the STCW Convention as follows:

- **Regulation II/1, Officers in charge of a navigational watch on ships of 500 GT or more**
 - Navigation at the operational level
 - Cargo handling and stowage at the operational level
 - Controlling the operation of the ship and care for persons on board at the operational level
- **Regulation II/2, Chief mates on ships of 500 GT or more**
 - Navigation at the management level
 - Cargo handling and stowage at the management level
 - Controlling the operation of the ship and care for persons on board at the management level
- **Regulation II/3, Officers in charge of a navigational watch on ships of less than 500 GT operating in Danish near-coastal waters**
 - Navigation at the operational level
 - Cargo handling and stowage at the operational level
 - Controlling the operation of the ship and care for persons on board at the operational level
- **Regulation III/1, Officers in charge of an engineering watch in a manned engine room or designated duty engineers in a periodically unmanned engine room**
 - Marine engineering at the operational level
 - Electrical, electronic and control engineering at the operational level
 - Maintenance and repair at the operational level
 - Controlling the operation of the ship and care for persons on board at the operational level
- **Regulation III/2, Chief engineer officers and second engineer officers on ships powered by main propulsion machinery of 3,000 kW propulsion power or more**
 - Marine engineering at the management level
 - Electrical, electronic and control engineering at the management level
 - Maintenance and repair at the management level
 - Controlling the operation of the ship and care for persons on board at the management level

- **Regulation III/3, Chief engineer officers and second engineer officers on ships powered by main propulsion machinery of between 750 kW and 3,000 kW propulsion power**
 - Marine engineering at the management level
 - Electrical, electronic and control engineering at the management level
 - Maintenance and repair at the management level
 - Controlling the operation of the ship and care for persons on board at the management level
- **IV/2, GMDSS radio operators**
 - Radiocommunications at the operational level
- **V/1, paragraph 1, Masters and officers on tankers**
 - Tanker familiarization
- **V/1, paragraph 2, Masters and officers on tankers**
 - Specialized training programme for oil tankers
 - Specialized training programme for chemical tankers
 - Specialized training programme for liquefied gas tankers

Assessment of competence in accordance with these procedures is an alternative to passing a test conducted by assessors authorized by the Danish Maritime Authority or an assessment of competence during seagoing service in a supernumerary capacity.

Please notice that it is not possible to obtain an assessment of competence in accordance with these procedures if the candidate for assessment is going to serve in a capacity as a master.

Definitions

Assessor in this document means a master or a chief engineer officer with more than 12 months of seagoing service in a capacity as a master or chief engineer officer in a Danish shipping company.

If the candidate for assessment is going to serve in a capacity as an officer in charge of a navigational watch, chief mate or chief engineer, the assessor must be the master.

If the candidate for assessment is going to serve in a capacity as an officer in charge of an engineering watch or a second engineer officer, the assessor must be the chief engineer officer.

Furthermore, the assessor must have a certificate of competency issued by a country which has an agreement on recognition of certificates with Denmark. Please see annex II, "List of countries which have an agreement with Denmark on recognition of certificates of competency".

For assessment of competence in accordance with IV/2, GMDSS radio operators; or V/1, paragraph 1, master and officers on tankers; or V/1, paragraph 2, master and officers on tankers, the assessor must, furthermore, have the relevant certificate of competency or certificate of proficiency.

Basis references and annex

- The STCW Convention 1978 as amended
- Danish Order no. 1153 of 4 October 2007 on recognition of foreign certificates for service on merchant vessels

Procedures for application for Danish recognition certificate and conduct of assessment

1. Sea service

The candidate for assessment must have a minimum period of 6 months of seagoing service on a ship owned by the Danish shipping company stated on the application form (APPENDIX TO APPLICATION FOR ISSUE OF DANISH RECOGNITION CERTIFICATE – Assessment of competence for officers with more than 6 months of seagoing service within the latest 2 years as officers in Danish shipping companies as an officer in a capacity similar to the capacity stated on the application form for the Danish flag State endorsement.

The assessor and the candidate for assessment must have served together for a period of minimum 1 month on a vessel relevant to the Danish flag State endorsement.

Please notice that the Danish Maritime Authority does not require documentation for sea service attached to the application form, but the Danish Maritime Authority will make random tests.

2. The Danish shipping company or their representative must submit an application to the Danish Maritime Authority for issue of a Danish recognition certificate in accordance with procedures specified in Danish Order no. 1153 of 4 October 2007 on recognition of foreign certificates for service on merchant vessels.

Enclosed to the application, the shipping company must submit “APPENDIX TO APPLICATION FOR ISSUE OF DANISH RECOGNITION CERTIFICATE – Assessment of competence for officers with more than 6 months of seagoing service as officers in Danish shipping companies”.

3. The final decision of whether or not to issue a Danish recognition certificate is then made by the Danish Maritime Authority and the result is sent to the address appearing on the application form.
4. Please notice that in cases where a candidate applies for a recognition certificate valid for service at management level (chief mate, second engineer officer or chief engineer), a test or completion of an approved course is required in Danish maritime legislation regardless of a positive outcome of the assessment made during seagoing service.