

Order on discharge books¹

In pursuance of section 64a, section 64b(2), section 70 and section 71a(1) and(2) of the act on seafarers' conditions of employment, etc. (*søfarendes ansættelsesforhold m.v.*), cf. consolidated act no. 73 of 17 January 2014, the following provisions are laid down:

Issue of discharge books

Section 1. Danish discharge books document that the holder is a Danish seafarer in accordance with the guidelines of ILO Convention no. 108 on Seafarers' National Identity Documents, 1958.

Subsection 2. Discharge books shall be issued by the Danish Maritime Authority.

Section 2. Discharge books shall be issued upon application to all persons who meet the conditions below:

- 1) are Danish citizens; and
- 2) have reached the age of 16.

Section 3. Applications for being issued with a discharge book shall be made by using the Danish Maritime Authority's system for digital application for being issued with a discharge book.

Subsection 2. The application shall be accompanied by a scanned copy of the photo page of the applicant's passport, driver's licence or most recently filled out discharge book as well as a lifelike photo.

Subsection 3. Upon the issue, the applicant shall be included in the Danish Maritime Authority's record of seafarers.

Endorsement of discharge books

Section 4. Upon the seafarer's request, the master shall fill in and sign the seafarer's discharge book with the necessary endorsements.

Subsection 2. The endorsement shall be legible. Names of ships and cities shall not be abbreviated.

Subsection 3. As regards positions covered by the ship's minimum safe manning document, only the designations of positions given in the minimum safe manning document shall be used.

Subsection 4. In cases where a seafarer is not on board when the ship departs, this shall not be evident from the endorsement. Irrespective of the reason for the seafarer not showing up, the endorsement shall be furnished with the date of the absence, as is the case in connection with normal signing off. Other endorsements shall not be used.

Subsection 5. Remarks shall not be inserted in the endorsement about the seafarer's performance of the work.

¹ Cf. the International Labour Organization's Convention concerning Seafarers' National Identity Documents, 1958 (no. 108).

Payment for discharge books

Section 5. The price of a discharge book is evident from the webpage of the Danish Maritime Authority, www.sofartsstyrelsen.dk. Payment shall be made when applying.

Penalty provisions

Section 6. Contraventions of section 4 shall be liable to punishment by fine.

Subsection 2. Companies, etc. (legal entities) may be liable to punishment pursuant to the provisions of part 5 of the penal code (*straffeloven*).

Entry into force, etc.

Section 7. This order shall enter into force on 1 January 2017.

Subsection 2. At the same time, order no. 421 of 29 April 2014 on the reporting of the signing on and signing off and on discharge books shall be repealed.

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