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Order no. 184 of 26 March 1999 issued by the Danish Maritime Authority

Order on tests for certificates of competency, etc.

In pursuance of section 19(1) and section 20(3) of act no. 15 of 13 January 1997 on the manning of ships, the following provisions are laid down:

Purpose

Section 1. The purpose of this order is to determine the conditions, etc. for the carrying out of:

- 1) The tests qualifying for acquiring:
 - a) certificates of competency in navigation;
 - b) certificates as second hands on board fishing vessels;
 - c) certificates of competency in sailing on recreational craft;
 - d) certificates of competency in motor operation; and
 - e) certificates of competency in motor operation on recreational craft; as well as
- 2) the test required to navigate certain motor-driven recreational craft with a gross tonnage below 20.

Scope of the tests

Section 2. For the test for certificates of competency in navigation, sufficient knowledge shall be demonstrated of:

- 1) Regulations for preventing collisions at sea.
- 2) Navigation.
- 3) Handling of dangerous goods.
- 4) Prevention of fire and operation of fire-extinguishants.
- 5) Ships' stability.
- 6) Maritime safety.
- 7) Protection of the marine environment.
- 8) Machinery of small ships.

Section 3. For the test for certificates of competency in navigation for fishermen, sufficient knowledge shall be demonstrated of:

- 1) Regulations for preventing collisions at sea.
- 2) Navigation.
- 3) Prevention of fire and operation of fire-extinguishants.
- 4) Fishing vessels' stability.
- 5) Maritime safety.
- 6) Protection of the marine environment.
- 7) Machinery of fishing vessels.

Section 4. For the test for certificates of competency in motor operation, sufficient knowledge shall be demonstrated of:

- 1) Main parts of the diesel engine.
- 2) Functioning of the engine.
- 3) Starting, operation during use and stopping of engine.
- 4) Electrical installations in ships.
- 5) Carrying out of the most common engine inspections.
- 6) Prevention of fire and operation of fire-extinguishants and discharge systems.
- 7) Protection of the marine environment.

Section 5. For the test for certificates of competency in sailing on recreational craft, sufficient knowledge shall be demonstrated of:

- 1) Regulations for preventing collisions at sea.
- 2) Navigation.
- 3) Knowledge of the craft.
- 4) Steering and manoeuvring of a small vessel.
- 5) Prevention and fighting of fire in small vessels.
- 6) Maritime safety.
- 7) Protection of the marine environment.
- 8) Machinery of recreational craft.

Section 6. For the test for masters of certain motor-driven recreational craft with a gross tonnage below 20, sufficient knowledge shall be demonstrated of:

- 1) Regulations for preventing collisions at sea.
- 2) Knowledge of the craft.
- 3) Steering and manoeuvring of a fast-going motor boat.
- 4) Prevention and fighting of fire in small vessels.
- 5) Maritime safety.
- 6) Protection of the marine environment.
- 7) Machinery of recreational craft.

Section 7. Detailed requirements for curriculum and level of knowledge as well as the contents and carrying out of the tests shall be laid down by the Danish Maritime Authority.

Holding of tests

Section 8. Tests for certificates of competency in navigation for merchant ships and tests for certificates of competency in navigation for fishermen shall be held at navigation and skipper training centres as well as training centres approved for this purpose.

Subsection 2. In order to register for a test mentioned in subsection 1, the person in question shall

- 1) meet the requirements for duration of service for acquiring a certificate of competency in navigation and a certificate of competency as a second hand on board fishing vessels; and
- 2) possess

- a. a watchkeeping certificate; or
- b. a declaration from the ship's master that the person in question has taken part in the watchkeeping service on the bridge, including been instructed in all tasks concerning the watchkeeping service.

Section 9. Tests for certificates of competency in motor operation shall be held at schools of marine engineering as well as before persons authorised by the Danish Maritime Authority to hold such tests.

Section 10. Tests for certificates of competency in sailing for masters of recreational craft and tests for masters of certain motor-driven recreational craft with a gross tonnage below 20 shall be held before persons who have been authorised to hold such tests by the Danish Maritime Authority.

Subsection 2. The Danish Maritime Authority shall supervise the holding of the tests.

Section 11. Persons preparing for a test shall not hold tests for their own students.

Section 12. The training centres and authorised persons mentioned in sections 8 and 9 as well as persons authorised under section 10 shall issue documentation for completed tests in accordance with sections 2-6.

Subsection 2. Documentation for completed tests under sections 5 and 6 shall be issued on special certificates made by the Danish Maritime Authority.

Subsection 3. The certificates mentioned in subsection 2 shall be available for DKK 40 each from the Danish Maritime Authority.

Payment for holding tests for certificates of competency

Section 13. For the holding of tests under section 4, a fee not exceeding DKK 390 may be required prior to the test from every person requesting to sit for a test.

Subsection 2. For persons sitting for a test in connection with final courses for ship's assistants, as part of a supplementary training course at an approved maritime training centre or in connection with the school training for commercial fishermen approved by the Danish Maritime Authority, the test shall, however, be free of charge.

Section 14. For the holding of tests under section 5, a fee not exceeding DKK 270 may be required prior to the test from every person requesting to sit for a test.

Subsection 2. If the test is held as two sub-tests, the payment for the test may be divided so that no more than DKK 110 is paid for the theoretical test and no more than DKK 160 is paid for the practical test.

Section 15. For the holding of tests under section 6, a fee not exceeding DKK 160 may be required prior to the test from every person requesting to sit for a test.

Section 16. In addition to payment in accordance with sections 14 and 15, the authorised person or institution may receive an amount covering the expenses for certificates, cf. section 12(2) and any transport costs.

Entry into force

Section 17. This order shall enter into force on 15 April 1999.

Subsection 2. Order no. 774 of 13 December 1988 on tests for certificates of competency and certificates and competency shall be repealed.

Danish Maritime Authority, 26 March 1999

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