

Order on course in the operation of survival craft and rescue boats, except for fast rescue boats¹

In pursuance of section 18(1)(i) and (iii), section 24b, section 25(4), section 25, section 25b(1) and (2), section 27(3) and section 28(5) of the act on the manning of ships (*lov om skibes besætning*), cf. consolidated act no. 74 of 17 January 2014, and by authority, the following provisions are laid down:

Purpose

Section 1. The purpose of this order is to lay down the requirements for issuing certificates of proficiency in the operation of survival craft and rescue boats, except for fast rescue boats, as well as the requirements for maintaining one's competences in performing the tasks, obligations and responsibilities stipulated in annex 1, cf. the A Code, part VI/2, paragraph 1-6, table A-VI/2-1 of the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978, as amended (the STCW Convention).

Participant requirements

Section 2. In order to participate in the course on the operation of survival craft and rescue boats, except for fast rescue boats, the course participant shall:

- 1) be 18 years of age or older,
- 2) have completed six months' seagoing service in merchant ships with a gross tonnage of or above 20, and
- 3) hold a valid health certificate for seafarers, including be fit for lookout duty.

Subsection 2. Persons who have not prior to the course completed the seagoing service required may be permitted to take part in the course, but cannot be issued with a certificate of proficiency until the required seagoing service has been acquired.

Course providers, equipment requirements and instructor qualifications

Section 3. Course providers shall have been approved by the Danish Maritime Authority in accordance with the order on approval and quality assurance, etc. of maritime training programmes.

¹ This order contains provisions implementing parts of directive 2008/106/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 November 2008 on the minimum level of training of seafarers, Official Journal 2008, no. L 323, page 33, as amended by directive 2012/35/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 November 2012 amending directive 2008/106/EC on the minimum level of training of seafarers, Official Journal 2012, no. L 343, page 78.

Subsection 2. Course providers shall, on the basis of the purposes of the courses stipulated in annex 1, determine the more detailed planning of the courses, including the duration of the courses, in consideration of the course participants' qualifications.

Section 4. Course providers shall ensure that the relevant equipment for practical exercises and demonstration is available for courses, including:

- 1) crane and davit arrangement for launching survival craft,
- 2) lifeboat with inboard motor,
- 3) inflatable rubber liferaft,
- 4) lifejackets as well as immersion suits, if relevant,
- 5) rescue boat, and
- 6) equipment for the vessels mentioned under items 1, 2 and 5.

Section 5. Course providers shall ensure that the instructors have the qualifications necessary to hold the courses mentioned. This shall include both professional qualifications and instruction/teaching qualifications.

Maintaining competences

Section 6. The company and the master of the ship shall ensure that seafarers engaged or employed on board who have been assigned tasks requiring the holding of a certificate of proficiency in the operation of survival craft and rescue boats, except fast rescue boats, cf. the A Code, part A-VI/2-4, paragraph 1-6, of the STCW Convention, at least every five years document having maintained their competences as stipulated in annex 1.

Subsection 2. With a view to maintaining the level of competences required in pursuance of the A Code, part VI/2-6, paragraph 6, of the STCW Convention, on-board training may take place within the following areas:

- 1) Take charge of a survival craft or rescue boat during and after launching:
 - a) interpret the markings on survival craft as to the number of persons they are intended to carry;
 - b) give correct commands for launching and boarding survival craft, clearing the ship and handling and disembarking persons from survival craft;
 - c) prepare and safely launch survival craft and clear the ship's side quickly; and
 - d) safely recover survival craft and rescue boats;
- 2) Manage survivors and survival craft after abandoning ship:
 - a) row and steer a boat and steer by compass;
 - b) use individual items of equipment of survival craft, except for pyrotechnics; and
 - c) rig devices to aid location.
- 3) Use locating devices as well as communication and signalling apparatuses, including to use portable radio equipment intended for survival craft;
- 4) Apply first aid to survivors.

Subsection 3. If the seafarer has, within the last five years and for at least 12 months, been assigned tasks requiring a certificate of proficiency in the operation of survival craft and rescue boats, the competences stipulated in subsection 2 shall be considered to have been maintained.

Refresher courses

Section 7. Providers of refresher courses shall have been approved by the Danish Maritime Authority in accordance with the order on the approval and quality assurance, etc. of maritime training programmes.

Subsection 2. Course providers shall, on the basis of the purposes of the course stipulated in annex 1, determine the more detailed course planning, including the duration of the courses, in consideration of the participants' qualifications.

Subsection 3. Course providers shall ensure that refresher courses meet the current requirements for equipment and instructor qualifications as regards courses in the operation of survival craft and rescue boats, except for fast rescue boats.

Certificates of proficiency and registration

Section 8. Course providers shall issue certificates of proficiency to course participants who have demonstrated competences as stipulated in annex 1 in connection with a course. Certificates of proficiency in pursuance of this order shall be issued with a validity of up to five years from the date of issue.

Subsection 2. Certificates of proficiency shall be drawn up as shown in annex 2.

Subsection 3. Course providers shall inform the Danish Maritime Authority about all courses completed by means of the Danish Maritime Authority's system for digital reporting of examination and course results.

Subsection 4. As regards persons admitted to the course pursuant to section 2(2), course providers shall issue documentation of the course completed, including the date hereof.

Penalty provisions

Section 9. Contraventions of this order shall be punishable by fine. Contraventions of section 5(1) by the shipowner or the master shall be punishable by fine or imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year.

Subsection 2. The penalty may be increased to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years if the contravention was committed intentionally or grossly negligently and if the contravention:

- 1) has caused injury to young people below the age of 18 or provoked a risk of injury, or
- 2) has resulted in or aimed at a financial benefit, comprising also financial savings, for the contravener or for others.

Subsection 3. If the benefit obtained through the contravention is not confiscated, the size of such financial benefit obtained or aimed at shall be taken into account when determining the fine, including additional fines, cf. subsection 2(ii).

Subsection 4. Companies, etc. (legal persons) may incur criminal liability according to the provisions of part 5 of the penal code (*straffeloven*).

Subsection 5. When determining criminal liability pursuant to subsection 4, persons who have been employed to carry out work on board the ship by others than the shipowner shall also be considered affiliated with the shipowner. If a document of compliance has been issued in accordance with the International Safety Management Code or a certificate in accordance with the Maritime Labour Convention to another organisation or person, the master and the seafarers shall also be considered to be affiliated with the one to whom the document has been issued.

Entry into force

Section 10. The order shall enter into force on 1 November 2015, cf. however subsection 2.

Subsection 2. Section 6 shall enter into force on 1 January 2017.

Subsection 3. The following orders shall be repealed:

- 1) Order no. 955 of 20 August 2015 on course in the operation of survival craft and rescue boats, except for fast rescue boats.
- 2) Order no. 1191 of 22 October 2015 on course in the operation of survival craft and rescue boats, except for fast rescue boats.

Section 11. The order shall not apply to the Faroe Islands and to Greenland.

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**Specification of minimum standard of competence in survival craft
and rescue boats other than fast rescue boats**

Table A-VI/2-1

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4
Competence	Knowledge, understanding and proficiency	Methods for demonstrating competence	Criteria for evaluating competence
Take charge of a survival craft or rescue boat during and after launch.	<p>Construction and outfit of survival craft and rescue boats and individual items of their equipment.</p> <p>Particular characteristics and facilities of survival craft and rescue boats.</p> <p>Various types of device used for launching survival craft and rescue boats.</p> <p>Methods of launching survival craft into a rough sea.</p> <p>Methods of recovering survival craft.</p> <p>Action to be taken after leaving the ship.</p> <p>Methods of launching and recovering rescue boats in a rough sea.</p> <p>Dangers associated with use of on-load release devices.</p> <p>Knowledge of maintenance procedures.</p>	<p>Assessment of evidence obtained from practical demonstration of ability to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> .1 right an inverted liferaft while wearing a life-jacket; .2 interpret the markings on survival craft as to the number of persons they are intended to carry; .3 give correct commands for launching and boarding survival craft, clearing the ship and handling and disembarking persons from survival craft; .4 prepare and safely launch survival craft and clear the ship's side quickly and operate off-load and on-load release devices; .5 safely recover survival craft and rescue boats, including the proper resetting of both off-load and on-load release devices; <p>using: inflatable liferaft and open or enclosed lifeboat with inboard engine or approved simulator training, where appropriate.</p>	<p>Preparation, boarding and launching of survival craft are within equipment limitations and enable survival craft to clear the ship safely.</p> <p>Initial actions on leaving the ship minimize threat to survival.</p> <p>Recovery of survival craft and rescue boats is within equipment limitations.</p> <p>Equipment is operated in accordance with manufacturers' instructions for release and resetting.</p>
Operate a survival craft engine.	<p>Methods of starting and operating a survival craft engine and its accessories together with the use of the fire extinguisher provided.</p>	<p>Assessment of evidence obtained from practical demonstration of ability to start and operate an inboard engine fitted in an open or enclosed lifeboat.</p>	<p>Propulsion is available and maintained as required for manoeuvring.</p>
Manage survivors and survival craft after abandoning ship.	<p>Handling survival craft in rough weather.</p> <p>Use of painter, sea-anchor and all other equipment.</p>	<p>Assessment of evidence obtained from practical demonstration of ability to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> .1 row and steer a boat and steer by compass; .2 use individual items of 	<p>Survival management is appropriate to prevailing circumstances and conditions.</p>

	<p>Apportionment of food and water in survival craft.</p> <p>Action taken to maximize detectability and location of survival craft.</p> <p>Method of helicopter rescue.</p> <p>Effects of hypothermia and its prevention; use of protective covers and garments, including immersion suits and thermal protective aids.</p> <p>Use of rescue boats and motor lifeboats for marshalling liferaft and rescue of survivors and persons in the sea.</p> <p>Beaching survival craft.</p>	<p>equipment of survival craft;</p> <p>.3 rig devices to aid location.</p>	
Use locating devices, including communication and signalling apparatus and pyrotechnics.	<p>Radio life-saving appliances carried in survival craft, including satellite EPIRBs and SARTs.</p> <p>Pyrotechnic distress signal.</p>	<p>Assessment of evidence obtained from practical demonstration of ability to:</p> <p>.1 use portable radio equipment for survival craft;</p> <p>.2 use signalling equipment, including pyrotechnics.</p>	Use and choice of communication and signalling apparatus is appropriate to prevailing circumstances and conditions.
Apply first aid to survivors.	<p>Use of the first-aid kit and resuscitation techniques.</p> <p>Management of injured persons, including control of bleeding and shock.</p>	<p>Assessment of evidence obtained from practical demonstration of ability to deal with injured persons both during and after abandonment, using first-aid kit and resuscitation techniques.</p>	<p>Identification of the probable cause, nature and extent of injuries or condition is prompt and accurate.</p> <p>Priority and sequence of treatment minimizes any threat to life.</p>

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bortset fra hurtiggående mand-over-bord-både**
Certificate of proficiency in survival craft and rescue boats, other than fast rescue boats

**BEVIS Udstedt efter bestemmelserne i
Den Internationale Konvention om Uddannelse af Søfarende,
om Sønæring og om Vagthold, 1978, som ændret**

*CERTIFICATE ISSUED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
ON STANDARDS OF TRAINING, CERTIFICATION AND WATCHKEEPING
FOR SEAFARERS, 1978, AS AMENDED*

Det attesteres herved, at
This is to certify that

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er fundet kvalificeret i overensstemmelse med bestemmelserne i reglement
has been found duly qualified in accordance with the provisions of regulation

VI/2, paragraph 1

af ovennævnte konvention, som ændret, til betjening af redningsbåde, -flåder og mand-over-bord-både
of the above Convention, as amended, in handling survival craft and rescue boats

Ihænderens fødselsdato
Date of birth of the holder of the certificate

Udstedt dato

Issued date

Bemyndigede bevisudsteders navn og underskrift

Signature and name of person authorized to issue certificate

Gyldigt til

Expiry date