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## Requirements for Updating Training in Accordance with the 2010 Manila Amendments to the STCW Convention 1978

**Notice to all Owners, Masters, Officers and Seafarers and those involved in Maritime Training.**

*This notice should be read in conjunction with MGN 96*

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### Summary

The STCW Convention 1978 has been amended by the 2010 Manila Amendments and contains new requirements for all seafarers. Seafarers are required, every five years, to provide evidence of having maintained the required standards of competence to undertake the tasks, duties and responsibilities regarding emergency, occupational safety and survival functions.

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### 1. Introduction

- 1.1 This Marine Information Note (MIN) is aimed at providing preliminary information regarding updating training requirements in accordance with the 2010 Manila Amendments to the STCW Convention 1978. Seafarers are required, every five years, to provide evidence of having maintained the required standards of competence to undertake the tasks, duties and responsibilities regarding emergency, occupational safety and survival functions (please see Annex A ).
- 1.2 If you are serving on board ship and are qualified in any of the following you must as of the 1 January 2017 have documentary evidence of either completing the training course or updating training within the last 5 years;



- a) Proficiency in Personal Survival Techniques (PST) (STCW A-VI/1-1);
  - i. Recognised equivalent pre 31/01/2000
    - Basic Sea Survival
- b) Proficiency in Survival Craft and Rescue Boats other than Fast Rescue Boats (PSC&RB) (STCW A-VI/2-1);
  - i. Recognised equivalent pre 31/01/2000
    - Proficiency in Survival Craft
    - Lifeboatmans Certificate
- c) Proficiency in Fast Rescue Boats (PFRB) (STCW A-VI/2-2);
- d) Proficiency in Fire Prevention and Fire Fighting (FP&FF) (STCW A-VI/1-2);
  - i. Recognised equivalent pre 31/01/2000
    - MNTB 3 Day Fire Fighting Course
- e) Proficiency in Advanced Fire Fighting (AFF) (STCW A-VI/3);
  - i. Recognised equivalent pre 31/01/2000
    - MNTB 4 Day Fire Fighting Course.

1.3 For service on board UK flagged vessels this updating training must be either approved or recognised by the MCA.

1.4 Revalidation requirements detailed in paragraph 2.3 of MIN 423 will be met by submission of documentary evidence for updating training.

## **2. Requirement to undertake updating training**

2.1 You are deemed to be qualified and therefore required to complete updating training if you hold:

- a) one of the above certificates as a stand alone qualification (e.g. a concessionaire on a passenger ship holding Proficiency in Personal Survival Techniques; an Able Seafarer (Deck) holding a Proficiency in Fast Rescue Boats);
- b) an STCW Certificate of Proficiency as a Navigation or Engine Room Watch Rating (Reg. II/4 and III/4);
- c) an STCW Certificate of Proficiency as a Able Seafarer (Deck (Reg. II/5), ILO Certificate of Competency as an Able Seaman, STCW Certificate of Proficiency as Able Seafarer (Engine Room) (Reg III/5) or Electro-Technical Rating (Reg III/7);
- d) a Marine Engine Operators Licence (Merchant Navy and Yacht);
- e) any Certificate of Competency for Deck Officer (Reg II/1, II/2, II/3 or Article IX), Engineer Officers (Reg III/1, III/2, III/3 or Article IX);
- f) a GMDSS certificate and work as a Radio Operator (Reg IV/2).

2.2 A detailed listing of requirements for specific certificates is given in Annex B.

## **3. MCA Approved Updating Training**

3.1 STCW permits some elements of the updating training to be carried out on board ship and with the exception FP&FF the MCA takes advantage of this through self-declaration. The reason FP&FF is not included in this option is that the elements of training permitted to be carried out on board would not significantly reduce time of the shore based programme.

3.2 MCA accepts onboard training and experience for maintaining the required standard of competence for some elements. This is evidenced by the seafarer completing and signing a self-declaration form, see reference in table below.

3.3 You are required to complete an extended version of the appropriate training course if you have not completed all the elements listed on the self declaration form and are therefore



unable to sign. Those who are unable to gain onboard training and experience in personal survival techniques are required to complete a full PST course.

3.4 The table below shows the various combinations of updating training available.

<b>STCW Proficiency Programme</b>	<b>Self-declaration form</b>	<b>Completed all permitted on board training</b>	<b>MCA approved shore based training course</b>
Personal Survival Techniques	Annex C	Yes	4 hours
		No	Full PST Course
Proficiency in Survival Craft and Rescue Boats	Annex D	Yes	3 hours
		No	7 hours
Fast Rescue Boat	Annex E	Yes	4 hours
		No	7 hours
Fire Prevention and Fire Fighting	Not applicable	Not applicable	7 hours
Advanced Fire Fighting	Annex F	Yes	4 hours
		No	7 hours

#### **4. Updated Proficiency in Medical Care (STCW A-VI/4-2)**

- a) On EU Member State flagged vessels, in accordance with Council Directive 92/29/EEC, the captain and any person (worker or workers) to whom he delegates the use of the medical supplies pursuant to Article 4 (1) (b) have received special training updated periodically, at least every five years, taking into account the specific risks and needs connected with the different categories of vessel.
- b) The MCA has interpreted this for UK flagged Merchant Navy vessels as the Master and the person designated to take charge of medical care and medicines onboard, to hold a MCA approved or recognised Proficiency in Medical Care (MC) (STCW A-VI/4-2) Certificate or MCA approved Updated Proficiency in Medical Care Certificate, issued within the preceding five years. Details are given in MIN 385 (M) or any subsequent amendments.

#### **5. Approved training programmes**

5.1 The MCA has agreed course guidelines with the Merchant Navy Training Board (MNTB) that will satisfy the requirements for approved training undertaken in the UK or elsewhere. These are available from the MNTB website ([www.mntb.org.uk](http://www.mntb.org.uk)). Training centres should contact their nearest MCA marine office ([www.mcga.gov.uk](http://www.mcga.gov.uk)) to seek approval for safety courses and updating training.

#### **6. Safety course certificates issued under STCW '95**

6.1 Certificates issued with a reference to STCW '95 will continue to be recognised by the MCA as if they stated STCW '78 as amended. As such require updating training as written above.

#### **7. Recognition of non-MCA approved basic and advanced safety training**

7.1 MCA will accept the following basic safety and updating training approved by an Administration included in the IMO list of confirmed STCW Parties (the so call "White List").

- a) Proficiency in Personal Survival Techniques (PST) (STCW A-VI/1-1);
- b) Proficiency in Fire Prevention and Fire Fighting (FP&FF) (STCW A-VI/1-2);



- c) Proficiency in Elementary First Aid (EFA) (STCW A-VI/1-3).
- d) Proficiency in Personal Safety and Social Responsibilities (PSSR) (STCW A-VI/1-4).

7.2 The MCA will accept the following updating safety training courses approved by an Administration with whom it has an agreement to recognise Certificates of Competence. The list as of September 2013 is given in Annex G; you should refer to the MCA website for any updates to this list.

- a) Proficiency in Personal Survival Techniques (PST) (STCW A-VI/1-1);
- b) Proficiency in Survival Craft and Rescue Boats other than Fast Rescue Boats (PSC&RB) (STCW A-VI/2-1);
- c) Proficiency in Fast Rescue Boats (PFRB) (STCW A-VI/2-2);
- d) Proficiency in Fire Prevention and Fire Fighting (FP&FF) (STCW A-VI/1-2);
- e) Proficiency in Advanced Fire Fighting (AFF) (STCW A-VI/3).

7.3 The above does not change the UK requirement for the issue of Certificates of Competency. For the purpose of issuing UK Certificates of Competence, in addition to its own approval the MCA will, accept certificates issued under the authority of any EU Member State; Canada; India; Pakistan; New Zealand and South Africa.

7.4 The certificates recognised for this purpose are:

- a) Proficiency in Survival Craft and Rescue Boats other than Fast Rescue Boats (PSC&RB) (STCW A-VI/2-1);
- b) Proficiency in Advanced Fire Fighting (AFF) (STCW A-VI/3).
- c) Proficiency in Medical First Aid (MFA) (STCW A-VI/4-1)
- d) Proficiency in Medical Care (MC) (STCW A-VI/4-2)

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## Changes in the 2010 Manila Amendments

Course	Changes since STCW 78 as amended 1995	Updating training required under STCW	MCA updating programme permits some training to be carried out on board
Personal Survival Techniques	No	Yes	Yes
Personal Safety and Social Responsibility	Yes	No	N/A*
Fire Prevention and Fire Fighting	No	Yes	No
Elementary First Aid	No	No	N/A
Proficiency in Survival Craft and Rescue Boats	No	Yes	Yes
Medical First Aid	No	No	N/A
Advance Fire Fighting	No	Yes	Yes
Fast Rescue Boats	Yes	Yes	Yes
Medical Care	No	No <sup>1</sup>	N/A
Security Awareness	New 2010	No	N/A
Designated Security Duties	New 2010	No	N/A
Ships Security Officer	New 2005	No	N/A

\* Not applicable

**Notes;**

- <sup>1</sup> Updating of the Proficiency in Medical Care is not currently required under the STCW Code and therefore no updating training is required for revalidation of a Certificates of Competency. On EU Member State flagged vessels, in accordance with Council Directive 92/29/EEC, the Captain and any person delegated to use the medical type A supplies must receive special training updated at least every five years.



## Updating Training Required for a UK Certificates of Competence (CoC) and Certificates of Proficiency (CoP)

The following tables show which updating training is required for a UK CoC and CoP held. Certificates held outside the CoC and CoP requirements are required to be updated if you have duties relating to the training e.g. if you have Fast Rescue Boat duties on board ship you must keep your updating training in date. Please be aware these table may not cover all Certificates issued. Notes concerning all three tables can be found after Table 3 - Radio and Stand alone certificates.

**Table 1 - Deck Rating and Deck Officer Certificates**

Certificate held	Updating training required				
	Proficiency in Personal Survival Techniques (PST) (STCW A-VI/1-1)	Proficiency in Survival Craft and Rescue Boats other than Fast Rescue Boats (PSC&RB) (STCW A-VI/2-1) <sup>1</sup>	Proficiency in Fast Rescue Boats (PFRB) (STCW A-VI/2-2) <sup>3</sup>	Proficiency in Fire Prevention and Fire Fighting (FP&FF) (STCW A-VI/1-2)	Proficiency in Advanced Fire Fighting (AFF) (STCW A-VI/3 <sup>2</sup> )
Certificate of Proficiency Watch Rating (Navigation) (Reg. II/4)	Yes			Yes	
Certificate of Proficiency Able Seafarer (Deck) (Reg. II/5)	Yes	Yes		Yes	
Certificate of Competence OOW (Reg II/1) or Chief Mate (Reg II/2) or Master (Reg II/2) (Standby, seismic survey and oceanographic research vessels)	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes
Certificate of Competence Master Code Vessel <200 GT (Reg II/2);	Yes			Yes	
Certificate of Competence Master <500 GT (Reg II/2) Workboat;	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes
Certificate of Competence OOW or Master <500 GT (Reg II/3) (Tug) Near Coastal or 30 miles from safe haven	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes
Certificate of Competence Master <3000 GT (Tug) (Reg II/3) Near Coastal	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes
Certificate of Competence OOW <3000 GT (Yacht)	Yes			Yes	
Certificate of Competence Master <500 GT (Yacht) (Reg II/2)	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes
Certificate of Competence Chief Officer or Master <3000 GT (Yacht) (Reg II/2)	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes
Certificate of Competency Officer of the Watch (Reg II/1) Unlimited Area	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes



Certificate of Competency for Chief Mate or Master (Reg II/2) Unlimited Area	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes
Certificate of Competency for OOW or Master (Reg II/3) UK Near Coastal	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes

**Table 2 - Engineer, Electro Technical Rating and Officer Certificates**

Certificate held	Updating training required				
	Proficiency in Personal Survival Techniques (PST) (STCW A-VI/1-1)	Proficiency in Survival Craft and Rescue Boats other than Fast Rescue Boats (PSC&RB) (STCW A-VI/2-1) <sup>1</sup>	Proficiency in Fast Rescue Boats (PFRB) (STCW A-VI/2-2) <sup>3</sup>	Proficiency in Fire Prevention and Fire Fighting (FP&FF) (STCW A-VI/1-2)	Proficiency in Advanced Fire Fighting (AFF) (STCW A-VI/3) <sup>2</sup>
Certificate of Proficiency Watch Rating (Engine Room) (Reg. III/4)	Yes			Yes	
Certificate of Proficiency Able Seafarer (Engine Room) (Reg. III/5)	Yes			Yes	
Certificate of Proficiency Electro-Technical Rating (Engine Room) (Reg. III/7)	Yes			Yes	
Marine Engine Operators Licence (Merchant Navy and Yacht)	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes
Certificate of Competence Second Engineer or Chief Engineer (Standby, seismic survey and oceanographic research vessels)	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes
Certificate of Competence Engineer OOW and Chief Engineer <500 GT <9000kW (Workboat)	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes
Certificate of Competence Engineer OOW (Tug) and Chief Engineer (Tug) all power limits and operating areas	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes
Certificate of Competence Yacht Engineer (Y1, Y2, Y3 and Y4)	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes
Certificate of Competency Engineer Officer of the Watch (Reg III/1) (all power limits and all operating areas)	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes
Certificate of Competency Second Engineer or Chief Engineer (Reg III/2) (all power limits and operating areas)	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes
Certificate of Competency Second Engineer or Chief Engineer Officer (Reg III/3) (all power limits and operating areas)	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes
Certificate of Competency Electro-Technical Officer (Reg. III/6)	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes



**Table 3 - Radio and Stand alone certificates**

Certificate held	Updating training required				
	Proficiency in Personal Survival Techniques (PST) (STCW A-VI/1-1)	Proficiency in Survival Craft and Rescue Boats other than Fast Rescue Boats (PSC&RB) (STCW A-VI/2-1) <sup>1</sup>	Proficiency in Fast Rescue Boats (PFRB) (STCW A-VI/2-2)	Proficiency in Fire Prevention and Fire Fighting (FP&FF) (STCW A-I/1-2)	Proficiency in Advanced Fire Fighting (AFF) (STCW A-VI/3 <sup>2</sup> )
Certificates held as a stand alone qualification	If held	If held	If held	If held	If held
GMDSS certificate and work as a Radio Operator (Reg IV/2)	Yes			Yes	
Certificate of Competence MLC Ships Cook	Yes			Yes	

**Notes:**

- <sup>1</sup> If you need to update your Proficiency in Survival Craft and Rescue Boats other than Fast Rescue Boats training you must also complete the updating programme for Proficiency in Personal Survival Techniques. The updating of PST is required whether or not it was part of your original certificate training.
- <sup>2</sup> If you need to update your Proficiency in Advanced Fire Fighting training you must also complete the updating programme for Proficiency in Fire Prevention and Fire Fighting. The updating of FP&FF is required whether or not it was part of your original certificate training.
- <sup>3</sup> Persons involved in the operation of fast rescue boats are required to complete PFRB in addition to the PSC&RB





**Personal Survival Techniques Updating Training Self Declaration Form  
(Signed by seafarer at an MCA approved training centre)**

I ..... declare that in the last 5 years I have completed onboard training and gained experience for maintaining the required standard of competence in the following:

	Tick if completed
1. Don a life jacket	
2. Board a survival craft from the ship, while wearing a life jacket	
3. Take initial actions on boarding a lifeboat to enhance chance of survival	
4. Stream a lifeboat drogue or sea-anchor	
5. Operate survival craft equipment	
6. Operate location devices, including radio equipment	

I have completed the above onboard the following vessels:

Vessel	IMO Number	Dates onboard

Signed.....

Print Name:.....

Date:.....



**Proficiency in Survival Craft and Rescue Boats Other Than Fast Rescue Boats Updating  
Training Self Declaration Form  
(Signed by seafarer at an MCA approved training centre)**

I ..... declare that in the last 5 years I have completed onboard training and gained experience for maintaining the required standard of competence in the following:

	Tick if completed
1. Take charge of a survival craft or rescue boat during and after launch:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interpret the markings on survival craft as to the number of persons they are intended to carry</li> <li>• Give correct commands for launching and boarding survival craft, clearing the ship and handling and disembarking persons from survival craft</li> <li>• Prepare and safely launch survival craft and clear the ship's side quickly</li> <li>• Safely recover survival craft and rescue boats</li> </ul>	
2. Manage survivors and survival craft after abandoning ship:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• *Steer a boat and steer by compass;</li> <li>• Use individual items of equipment of survival crafts, except for pyrotechnics;</li> <li>• Rig devices to aid location;</li> </ul>	
3. Use locating devices, including communication and signalling apparatus	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use of portable radio equipment for survival craft</li> </ul>	
4. Apply first aid to survivors	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use of the first aid kit and resuscitation techniques</li> <li>• Manage injured persons, including control of bleeding and shock</li> </ul>	

\* STCW Code: "Row and steer a boat and steer by compass". Rowing is not required as lifeboats are rarely equipped with rowing practice facilities.

I have completed the above onboard the following vessels:

Vessel	IMO Number	Dates onboard

Signed.....

Print Name:.....

Date:.....



**Fast Rescue Boats Updating Training Self Declaration Form  
(Signed by seafarer at an MCA approved training centre)**

I ..... declare that in the last 5 years I have completed onboard training and gained experience for maintaining the required standard of competence in the following:

	Tick if completed
1. Take charge of a fast rescue boat during launch:	
• Control safe launching and recovery of a fast rescue boat	
2. Take charge of a fast rescue boat after launch:	
• Handle a fast rescue boat in prevailing weather and sea conditions;	
• Use communications and signalling equipment between the fast rescue boat and a ship and or a helicopter	
• Use the emergency equipment carried	
• Carry out search patterns, taking account of environmental factors	

I have completed the above onboard the following vessels:

Vessel	IMO Number	Dates onboard

Signed:.....

Print Name:.....

Date:.....



**Advanced Fire Fighting Updating Training Self Declaration Form  
(Signed by seafarer at an MCA approved training centre)**

I ..... declare that in the last 5 years I have completed onboard training and gained experience for maintaining the required standard of competence in the following:

	Tick if completed
<b>1. Control fire fighting operations onboard ships:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fire-fighting procedures at sea and in port, with particular emphasis on organisation, tactics and command</li> <li>• Communication and coordination during fire-fighting operations</li> <li>• Ventilation control, including smoke extraction</li> <li>• Control of fuel and electrical systems</li> <li>• Fire-fighting process hazards (dry distillation, chemical reactions, boiler uptake, fires)</li> <li>• Fire precautions and hazards associated with the storage and handling of materials</li> <li>• Management and control of injured persons</li> <li>• Procedures for coordination with shore-based fire fighters</li> </ul>	

I have completed the above onboard the following vessels:

Vessel	IMO Number	Dates onboard

Signed:.....

Print Name:.....

Date:.....



### Administrations accepted by the MCA for the provision of updating training

The MCA will accept for service on UK Flagged vessel documentary evidence of updating of safety courses issued under the authority of the following Administrations

Australia	Latvia
Belgium	Lithuania
Bulgaria	Malaysia
Canada	Malta
China	Montenegro
Croatia	Myanmar
Czech Republic	Netherlands
Denmark	New Zealand
Estonia	Norway
Faroe Islands	Pakistan
Finland	Philippines
France	Poland
Germany	Portugal
Greece	Romania
Hong Kong	Russia
Hungary	Singapore
Iceland	Slovenia
India	South Africa
Iran	Spain
Ireland	Sri Lanka
Italy	Sweden
Jamaica	Ukraine
Korea	USA

