

	STCW CIRCULAR 2012-001		
	DEPARTMENT OF MARINE SERVICES AND MERCHANT SHIPPING (ADOMS)		
	2010 Amendments to STCW New Grades of Personnel	Ref	STCW,78 Reg. VI STCW Code Sect. A-VI/I

**Companies operating ships registered in Antigua and Barbuda,
Ships registered under the flag of Antigua and Barbuda,
Authorised Antigua and Barbuda Filing Agents**

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The Antigua and Barbuda Department of Marine Services and Merchant Shipping (ADOMS) wishes to advise that starting on 01 January 2012 the 2010 Amendments to the STCW Convention, which introduce several new regulations, will enter into force. The changes introduce the following new grades of certificated personnel but it should be noted that carriage of any of these grades is not mandatory unless specified in the ship's Minimum Safe Manning Document.

1. STCW Reg. II/5 - Able Seafarer Deck

This certificate replaces the previous AB certificate regulated in the ILO No/ 74 Convention. The Certificate of Proficiency as Able Seafarer Deck must comply with the new mandatory competence requirements according to Section A-II/5 and Table A-II/5 of the STCW Code. An Antigua and Barbuda Endorsement is not required for this certificate; however, registration in the A&B database is necessary.

2. STCW Reg. III/5 - Able Seafarer Engine,

This is a new grade of certification and allows an engine room equivalent to the original AB's certificate. The Certificate of Proficiency as Able Seafarer Engine must comply with the new mandatory competence requirements according to Section A-III/5 and Table A-III/5 of the STCW Code. An Antigua and Barbuda Endorsement is not required for this certificate; however, registration in the A&B database is necessary.

3. STCW Reg. III/6 - Electro-Technical Officer ,

The Certificate of Competency as Electro-Technical Officer must comply with the new mandatory minimum requirements according to Section A-III/6 and Table A-III/6 of the STCW Code. Certificates of competency issued by national maritime administrations in accordance with Regulation III/6 of the STCW Convention will be endorsed by Antigua and Barbuda as of 01 January 2012.

4. **STCW Reg. III/7 - Electro-Technical Rating.**

The Certificate of Proficiency as Electro-Technical Rating must comply with the new mandatory competence requirements according to Section A-III/7 and Table A-III/7 of the STCW Code. An Antigua and Barbuda Endorsement is not required for this certificate; however, registration in the A&B database is necessary.

Effective 01 January 2012 copies of the above-mentioned certificates together with the corresponding national administration's verification, as applicable, must be included when submitting applications for issuance of Antigua and Barbuda seafarer's documents. For guidance, a list of certificates or documentary evidence required under the STCW Convention is contained in Table B-I/2 of the STCW Code.

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