



Antigua and Barbuda  
Maritime Administration

STCW Circular  
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**SUBJECT: Control of Seafarer Certification by Port State Control**

**REFERENCE:**

- a) *Antigua and Barbuda Merchant Shipping Act 2006, as amended*
- b) *International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW), 1978 Regulation I/4 and I/10*

**TO:** Ship-owners, operators, masters and officers of Antigua and Barbuda flagged ships, and recognized organisations and port states

**1. PURPOSE**

This Circular provides information on the requirements for endorsements and other documents required by seafarers on Antigua and Barbuda ships and ensures that the national requirements (which are in line with those in STCW) are clear for Port State Control Officers.

**2. APPLICATION**

This Circular applies to all Antigua and Barbuda flagged ships.

**3. BACKGROUND**

Antigua and Barbuda does not issue Certificates of Competency for seafarers at the management, operational and support levels.

Instead, and in accordance with Regulation I/10 of the STCW Convention, Antigua and Barbuda recognises, by issuing endorsements, Certificates of Competency issued by other countries, provided that the country is a party to the STCW convention and has demonstrated that it has given full and complete effect to the relevant provisions of the Convention. This is demonstrated by inclusion on the "White List" prepared by the Secretary General of the IMO.

**4. OBLIGATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

- .1 Under the provisions of Regulation, I/10 of STCW and Table B-I/2, the only certificates for which a flag State Endorsement is required are those issued under the provisions of the STCW regulations II/1, II/2, II/3, III/1, III/2, III/3, III/6, IV/2, V/I-1 and V/I-2 (management and operational level) and VII/2.
- .2 Considering the importance of well-qualified personnel on board vessels, Antigua and Barbuda has decided also to endorse certificates of special qualification as Ship Security Officer (STCW Reg. VI/5).
- .3 Other certificates are issued in accordance with the STCW Convention by, or on behalf of, other countries that are party to the Convention, and that may be required to be held by certain seafarers including:

- .1 ratings forming part of a navigational or engine room watch (II/4 and III/4)
- .2 Able seafarer deck and able seafarer engine (II/5 and III/5)
- .3 electro-technical rating (III/7)
- .4 safety familiarisation and basic training (VI/1)
- .5 certificate of proficiency in survival craft and rescue boats other than fast rescue boats (VI/2)
- .6 training in advanced firefighting (VI/3)
- .7 training relating to medical first aid and medical care (VI/4)

*These are accepted for service on Antigua and Barbuda ships without the need for an Antigua and Barbuda endorsement. These certificates will, however, be recorded in the STCW database of Antigua and Barbuda.*

- .4 Seafarers' books are mandatory for all crew members on board Antiguan flagged vessels. This is a national requirement of Antigua and Barbuda and not subject to inspections under Article X of the STCW Convention but will be monitored by Antigua and Barbuda.
- .5 In accordance with Regulation, I/10 of the Convention, masters and officers at the management and operational levels, on making application for an endorsement, will be issued a Certificate of Receipt of Application (CRA). This certificate is generated by EDP and is to be considered an original document.
- .6 In cases where the applicant will join the vessel prior to the receipt of the CRA, a copy of the completed application form FO-C01 or a printout of the "Application Summary" from the Interactive Application System for Seafarers (IASS) should be accepted during inspections under Article X of the Convention (MOU Paris/Tokyo). This should be sufficient evidence until the receipt of the original CRA.
- .7 If the Endorsement, issued by Antigua and Barbuda, is not available to the crew member, a database query that can be provided by recognized filing agents and/or directly be requested from ADOMS, which will provide evidence regarding the details of the issued Endorsement.

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