



# Antigua and Barbuda Maritime Administration

STCW Circular  
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**SUBJECT: 2010 Amendments to STCW: New Grades of Personnel**

**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/10*

**TO:** Ship-owners, operators, masters and officers of Antigua and Barbuda flagged ships, and recognized filing agents.

## 1. PURPOSE

This Circular provides information on the new grades of certificated seafarers created by the 2010 amendments to the STCW Convention and the approach of the Administration towards them.

## 2. APPLICATION

This Circular applies to all Antigua and Barbuda flagged ships.

## 3. BACKGROUND

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, have entered 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.

## 4. OBLIGATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

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

1. 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

1. This is a new grade of certification and allows for 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**

1. The Certificate of Competency for an 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**

1. The Certificate of Proficiency for an 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.
5. 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 seafarers' 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.

**Issued by**

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