



Antigua and Barbuda Maritime Administration

STCW Circular
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SUBJECT: 2010 Amendments to STCW Regulation VI, Basic Training, and Familiarization

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 Reg. VI and Section A-VI/1 of the Code*

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 STCW and the approach of the Administration towards them.

2. APPLICATION

This Circular applies to all Antigua and Barbuda flagged ships

3. BACKGROUND

The 2010 Amendments to the STCW Convention 1978 have modified the requirements for Basic Training set out in Regulation VI/1 of the Convention. Accordingly, the Antigua and Barbuda Department of Marine Services and Merchant Shipping (ADOMS) wishes to inform owners and managers that as of 1 January 2012, the new requirements are applicable to all seafarers.

4. OBLIGATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. The certificates of competency issued in accordance with regulations II/1, II/2; II/3, III/1, III/2, III/3 and III/6 include the proficiency requirements in “basic training” (VI-1), “survival craft and rescue boats other than fast rescue boats” (VI-2), “advanced firefighting” (VI-3) and “medical first aid” (VI-4). Therefore, holders of the above-certificates are not required to carry Certificates of Proficiency in respect of those competencies.
2. All other Seafarers shall be required to hold a Certificate of Proficiency on basic training as evidence that they have achieved the required standard of competence to undertake the tasks, duties and responsibilities as set out in the STCW Code in:
 1. Table A-VI/1-1 personal survival techniques
 2. Table A-VI/1-2 fire prevention and fire fighting
 3. Table A-VI/1-3 elementary first aid
 4. Table A-VI/1-4 personal safety and social responsibilities

3. Starting on 1 January 2012, seafarers are also required, **every five years**, to provide evidence of having maintained the required standards of competence by providing evidence of participation in refresher courses in “personal survival techniques” and “fire prevention and firefighting” (A-VI/1-1 and A-VI/1-2). The same also applies to “survival craft, rescue boats and fast rescue boats” (A-VI/2) and “advanced firefighting” (A-VI/3).

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