

Isle of Man Ship Registry Technical Advisory Notice



Certificates of Competency Expiring 31 December 2016

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The transitional period for the introduction of the new training requirements contained within the 2010 Manila amendments to the STCW convention will come to an end on 31 December 2016 and from this date the full provisions of the amendments will come into force. There are a significant number of seafarers with certification issued within this transitional period who do not meet the revised requirements and as such this certification will expire on 31 December 2016.

The 2010 amendments include new and updated requirements for seafarer's competences, as well as changes to some seafarer grades and certification requirements. As a result, the Ship Registry is anticipating an unprecedented number of endorsement applications towards the end of 2016; this will result in extended processing times. The Ship Registry would therefore urge both operators of Manx registered vessels and seafarers to arrange and undertake any additional training as soon as possible, and endorsement applications should be submitted as soon as possible thereafter.

It is recommended that seafarers contact their certificate issuing authority for further information regarding the training requirements necessary to revalidate their certificates of competency.

The Ship Registry would also remind shipowners that the most efficient way of submitting endorsement applications is by using our online system. Information on how to access the online system, and other methods of applying for endorsements, is contained within [MSN 51](#).

More information regarding other aspects of the Manila Amendments can be found in [MSN 50](#).

Please note - The Isle of Man Ship Registry cannot give legal advice. Where this document provides guidance on the law it should not be regarded as definitive. The way the law applies to any particular case can vary according to circumstances - for example, from vessel to vessel. You should consider seeking independent legal advice if you are unsure of your own legal position

