

Isle of Man Ship Registry Technical Advisory Notice



Format of Isle of Man Issued STCW Endorsements

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The Ship Registry wishes to advise Owners, Operators, Masters, Seafarers and Port State Control Officers of the format of its 'Endorsement attesting the recognition of a certificate'.

Background

Under the provisions of STCW I/2.5 the Ship Registry accepts seafarers holding a Certificate of Competency issued by certain other Administrations for service onboard vessels registered in the Isle of Man. Details of these Administrations can be found on our website www.iomshipregistry.com or in our MSN 051, also available from the website.

Such Certificates of Competency are recognised as being valid for service on an Isle of Man registered vessel through the issue of an 'Endorsement attesting the recognition of a certificate'. This is in accordance with the requirement of STCW I/10.

The Ship Registry revised the format of its current Endorsement in September 2017. Details of the current form of Endorsement and transitional arrangements affecting the validity of previous format Endorsements are provided below:

Current format of 'Endorsement attesting the recognition of a certificate'

The current Endorsement form is printed on a single piece of A4 plain white paper, containing a digital photograph and signature of the holder and a digital signature of the issuing official.

In addition the document is required to be signed by the holder, in the blue box, upon receipt of the document. The document is not to be taken as valid unless it contains these photographs and signatures.

An example of a completed endorsement is provided in Appendix 1 to this document for information and outlines the general requirements.

Verification

Each endorsement issued in the current format contains a unique endorsement number and will contain an individual 'Quick Response Code' (QR Code) which can be used to immediately verify the validity of the endorsement via any internet connected device with a camera and a QR Code reader (usually available free of charge) installed, such as a smartphone.

The QR Code contains a specific 'Uniform Resource Locator' (URL) which links to the Ship Registry's dedicated validation system. Contained within the URL are sufficient parameters to allow the system to return a response specific to the endorsement.



If the Endorsement was issued by the Ship Registry, scanning the QR code will return a web page containing the details of the endorsement as shown below. These should match the details on the endorsement.

Login Search			
Forename	Jane	Seafarer Photo	
Surname	Doe		
Birth Date	14/08/1978		
Nationality	American		
COC Issue Date	01/09/2016		
Endorsement Issue Date	01/09/2017		
Endorsement/COC Expiry Date	01/09/2021		
Capacity	Second Engineer	Seafarer Signature	
Endorsement Serial Number	38859		

In addition, these details can be checked by visiting our online endorsement web checker at: <https://mavis.iomshipregistry.com> which will provide validity information, alternatively you can e-mail seafarers@gov.im or telephone +44(0)1624 688500 and request STCW verification. Telephone availability is restricted to UK officer hours 08:00 – 17:30 Monday to Friday.

Transitional arrangements for existing 'Endorsements attesting to the recognition of a certificate'

The current A4 format endorsements have been issued from September 2017. Prior to this, Endorsements were double sided and printed on A5 brown coloured paper: these ceased to be issued from September 2017.

All existing A5 format endorsements issued before September 2017 will continue to remain valid *until the date of expiry stated on the individual endorsement*. It will therefore be possible for an existing endorsement to remain valid until September 2022 (subject to the expiry date stated on the endorsement).

The validity of an A5 format endorsement may be checked by visiting our online endorsement web checker at: <https://mavis.iomshipregistry.com> which will provide validity information, alternatively you can e-mail seafarers@gov.im or telephone +44(0)1624 688500 and request STCW verification (telephone availability restricted to UK office hours 08:00 – 17:30 Monday to Friday).

A sample of the previous endorsement is provided at **Appendix 2** to this Advisory Note for information.

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.



Appendix 1 – Current A4 format Endorsement.

QR Code



Endorsement Attesting the Recognition of a Certificate
 Under the provisions of the International Convention on
 Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping
 for Seafarers 1978 as amended



Isle of Man Government
Reithor Ellen Yennin

The Government of the Isle of Man certifies that Certificate of Competency

Number: **12345678**
 Issued To: **Jane DOE**
 By or on behalf of the Government of: **Iceland**

Is duly recognised in accordance with the provisions of regulation I/10 of the above Convention, as amended, and the lawful holder may serve in the following capacity or capacities and is authorised to perform the following functions at the levels specified, subject to any limitations indicated until: **1 September 2021**

Capacity	Limitations applying (if any)	
Chief Engineer	-	
Second Engineer	Valid for Motorships Only	
Officer in charge of an Engineering Watch	Valid for Motorships Only	

Function	Level	Limitations applying (if any)
Controlling the operations of the ship and care for persons on board	Management	Not valid on tankers
Marine Engineering	Management	-
Maintenance and Repair	Management	-
Electrical, Electronic and Control Engineering	Management	-

Endorsement No: **38859** Issued on **01/09/2017**
 Date of Birth of Holder: **14/08/1978**





Signature of duly authorised official
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Name of duly authorised official

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Signature and Photograph of the Holder of the Certificate



Original Signature of the Holder of the Certificate

The original of this endorsement must be kept available in accordance with regulation II/2, paragraph 11 of the Convention while the holder is serving on a ship.
 This certificate is issued by or on behalf of the Isle of Man under the responsibility of the United Kingdom as Flag State under the Relevant Convention and remains the property of the Isle of Man Government and must be surrendered on demand.

Unique Number


Digital Signatures

Original Signature Here



Appendix 2 – Previous A5 Format Endorsement

Front:





Endorsement No: 38822

Endorsement Attesting the Recognition of a Certificate
Under the provisions of the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers 1978 as amended.


The Government of the Isle of Man certifies that Certificate of Competency No: 123145-45 Issued to: **John Bartram DOE** By or on behalf of the Government of Italy Is duly recognised in accordance with the provisions of regulation I/10 of the above Convention, as amended, and the lawful holder is authorised to perform the following functions at the levels specified, subject to any limitations indicated until: **31 December 2016**

DOB of Holder: 14/08/1981 Date of Issue: 15/07/2015




Signature of duly authorised official

Ashl Wal3944
Name of duly authorised official


Signature of Holder of the Certificate

This certificate is issued by or on behalf of the Isle of Man under the responsibility of the United Kingdom as Flag State under the Relevant Convention and remains the property of the Isle of Man Government and must be surrendered on demand.

Back:

The lawful holder of this endorsement may serve in the following capacity or capacities specified in the applicable safe manning requirements of the Administration.

Capacity	Limitations applying (if any)
Chief Engineer	-
Second Engineer	-
Officer in charge of an Engineering Watch	None

Function	Level	Limitations applying (if any)
Controlling the operations of the ship and care for persons on board	Operational	Not valid on tankers
		-
Marine Engineering	Operational	-
Maintenance and Repair	Operational	-
Electrical, Electronic and Control Engineering	Operational	-

The original of this endorsement must be kept available in accordance with regulation I/2, paragraph 9 of the Convention whilst serving in an Isle of Man registered ship.

