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Training and certification of seafarers and coast station personnel

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STCW Convention and the Code

The International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers

- Adopted on 7 July 1978 and entered into force on 28 April 1984
- 167 States are Party to the STCW 1978 Convention (as of 13 April 2023)
- Supplemented by the Seafarers' Training, Certification and Watchkeeping (STCW) Code
 - part A, mandatory provisions
 - part B, recommended guidance

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Key provisions of the STCW Convention

- Communication of information (Regulation I/7)
([MSC.1/Circ.1163/Rev.13](#) refers)
- Quality standards (Regulation I/8)
([MSC.1/Circ.1164/Rev.26](#) refers)
- "Control" measures
- validity and authenticity [check](#) of certificates

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Articles of the STCW 1978 Convention

Annex to the STCW 1978 Convention

Chapter I General Provisions

Chapter II Master and deck department

Chapter III Engine department

Chapter IV Radiocommunication and radio operators

Chapter V Special training requirements for personnel on certain types of ships

Chapter VI Emergency, occupational safety, security, medical care and survival functions

Chapter VII Alternative certification

Chapter VIII Watchkeeping

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Chapter IV - Radiocommunication and radio operators

- Applies to radio operators on ships operating in the GMDSS.
- "Every person in charge of or performing radio duties on a ship required to participate in the GMDSS shall hold an appropriate certificate related to the GMDSS, issued or recognized by the Administration under the provisions of the [Radio Regulations](#)".
- Radio operators on non-GMDSS ships are required to comply with the Radio Regulations.
- Provisions of Chapter IV are supported by STCW Code Part A and Part B.

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IMO Model courses

1.25 - General Operator's Certificate for GMDSS, 2015 Edition

1.26 - Restricted Operator's Certificate for GMDSS, 2015 Edition

1.31 – Second-Class Radioelectronic Certificate for GMDSS Radio Personnel, 2002 Edition

GMDSS Coast Station Operator's Certificate (CSOC) syllabus

[COMSAR.1/Circ.33/Rev.1](#)

IMO maritime training institutions

World Maritime University ([WMU](#))

IMO International Maritime Law Institute ([IMLI](#))

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