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# Training and certification of seafarers and coast station personnel



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#### **IMO Conventions**

- More than 50 international conventions and protocols
- Three main categories:
  - Maritime safety
  - Marine pollution
  - liability and compensation
- Three main conventions:
  - International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS)
  - International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL)
  - International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW)

# 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
- Supplemented by the Seafarers' Training, Certification and Watchkeeping (STCW) Code
  - part A, mandatory provisions
  - part B, recommended guidance



#### **Key provisions of the STCW Convention**

- Communication of information (Regulation I/7) (<u>MSC.1/Circ.1163/Rev.13</u> refers)
- Quality standards (Regulation I/8) (<u>MSC.1/Circ.1164/Rev.26</u> refers)
- Certificates and endorsements (Regulation I/2) (validity and authenticity <u>check</u>)
- Control (Article X)



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## **STCW Convention and the Code**

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



## **Chapter IV - Radiocommunication and radio operators**

- Applies to radio operators on GMDSS-compliant ships only.
- Sets the minimum criteria for the certification of GMDSS radio operators.
- Requires radio operators to hold an appropriate radio operator according to the provisions of the <u>Radio Regulations</u>.
- Provisions of Chapter IV are supported by STCW Code Part A and Part B.



## STCW Code, Part A, Chapter IV (Standards regarding radio operators)

- Set out the minimum <u>mandatory</u> requirements for certification of a GMDSS radio operator.
- Outlines two competencies to:
  - Transmit and receive information using GMDSS sub-systems and equipment, and fulfilling the functional requirements of GMDSS; and
  - provide radio services in emergencies

#### STCW Code, Part B, Chapter IV (Guidance regarding radiocommunication and radio operators)

- Outlines the scope of the training required for REO, GOC and ROC



#### **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 (<u>WMU</u>) IMO International Maritime Law Institute (<u>IMLI</u>)



## Wrap up

- General information on the STCW Convention
- Key provisions and relevant IMO circulars
- Chapter IV (Radiocommunication and radio operators) and categories of radio operator certificates
- STCW Code
- IMO model courses and training institutions

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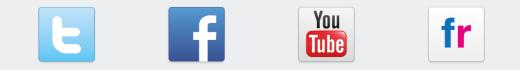
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