



## **Revised format of Certificates issued in terms of the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, as amended (STCW Convention)**

### ***Merchant Shipping Notice 135***

*Notice to Shipowners, Ship Operators and Managers,  
Masters, Owners' representatives and recognised organizations*

The Merchant Shipping Directorate would like to inform all concerned that with effect from 2 May 2017, a new format for all certificates issued in terms of the STCW Convention issued by the Republic of Malta will be introduced.

In order to fully implement the revised requirements for certificates in accordance to the 2010 amendments to the STCW Convention, the Directorate will be introducing a new format for all certificates. Details of the new format and transitional arrangements affecting the validity of existing certificates are provided below.

### **New Format of Certificates**

The new certificates are printed on plastic card ID-1 format making them more resistant to the rigours of repeated use whilst incorporating a number of modern security features to minimise the possibility of falsification. The cards feature a UV-dull glossy surface on which the seafarer's personal and certificate details are printed in a full colour 600dpi high resolution print that allows superior forensics.

Features making the cards more secure include the cardholder's name in repeated microtext on two areas of the card, photo and signature in UV-sensitive ink and also the cardholder's name in UV-sensitive microtext. These components are exclusive to and change with each unique card according to the cardholder details.

Other security elements include UV-sensitive data and designs on both sides of the card (including the Maltese Cross) and a UV-sensitive guilloche with microtext on the card back. Moreover, both card sides are covered by a secure holographic layer.

Samples of the certificates, which also include security features, are being annexed to this Notice.

### **Transitional Arrangements for Existing Certificates**

Seafarers in possession of any of the new certificates are deemed to have met all the requirements of the STCW Convention, as amended.

All existing certificates are also deemed to be in full compliance to the STCW Convention, as amended and remain valid until their expiry date.

All enquiries related to certificates issued in terms of the STCW Convention, should be addressed to this Directorate on [stcw.tm@transport.gov.mt](mailto:stcw.tm@transport.gov.mt)

Annotations for the Seafarer Certification Card:

- endorsement number: Endorsement No: 0
- seafarer's name in repeated microtext: The Government of Malta certifies that:
- certificate number: Certificate No: 37-3929
- seafarer's data: Issued in terms of STCW Regulation: II/2 IV/2 V/1-1.3 V/1-1.5; By the Government of: Ukraine; Name: SAMPLE SAMPLE; Date of Birth: 04 August 1975
- seafarer's colour photo: [Photo of seafarer]
- seafarer's signature: Signature
- variable QR code: [QR code]
- certificate validity dates: Issued on: 27 September 2015; Valid until: 05 July 2018
- seafarer's competencies and limitations:
 

CAPACITY	LIMITATIONS
Master	Valid on oil & chemical tankers [Advanced]

Annotations for the Endorsement Card:

- seafarer's name in repeated microtext: ENDORSEMENT
- certificate title: Attesting the recognition of a Certificate of Competency
- authorising signature: [Signature of Registrar-General]

Text on the Endorsement Card:

**ENDORSEMENT**  
 Attesting the recognition of a Certificate of Competency  
 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON STANDARDS OF TRAINING, CERTIFICATION AND WATCHKEEPING FOR SEAFARERS, AS AMENDED.

This Certificate should be carefully preserved. In case of loss through unavoidable causes, a duplicate will be issued only on payment of the prescribed fee.

The original of this Certificate must be kept available in accordance with Reg.II/2 para.11 of the STCW Convention while serving on-board.

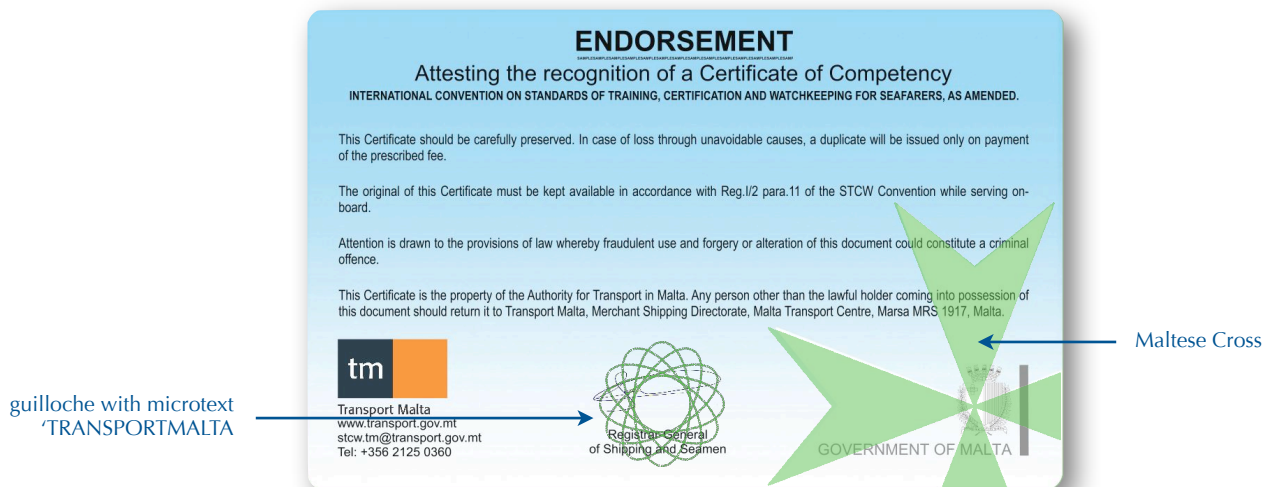
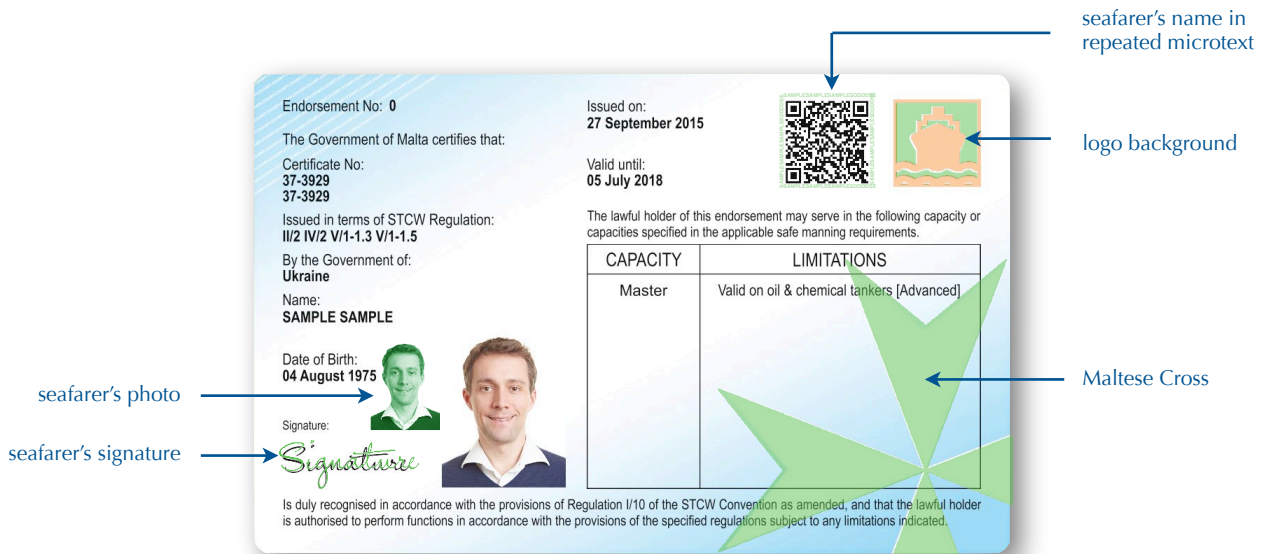
Attention is drawn to the provisions of law whereby fraudulent use and forgery or alteration of this document could constitute a criminal offence.

This Certificate is the property of the Authority for Transport in Malta. Any person other than the lawful holder coming into possession of this document should return it to Transport Malta, Merchant Shipping Directorate, Malta Transport Centre, Marsa MRS 1917, Malta.

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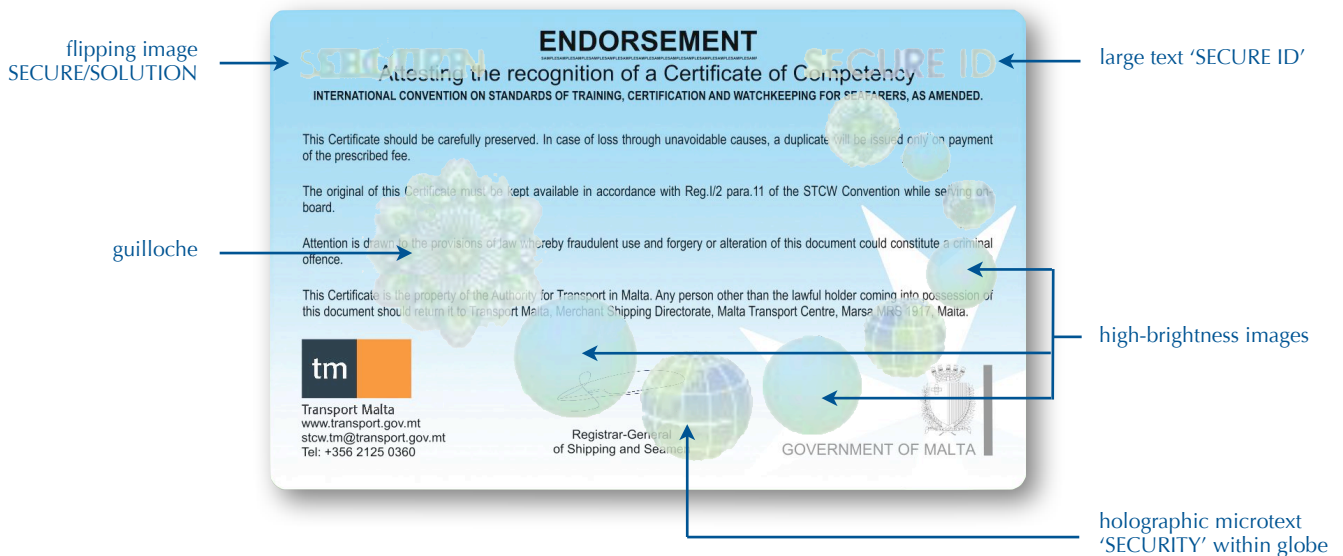
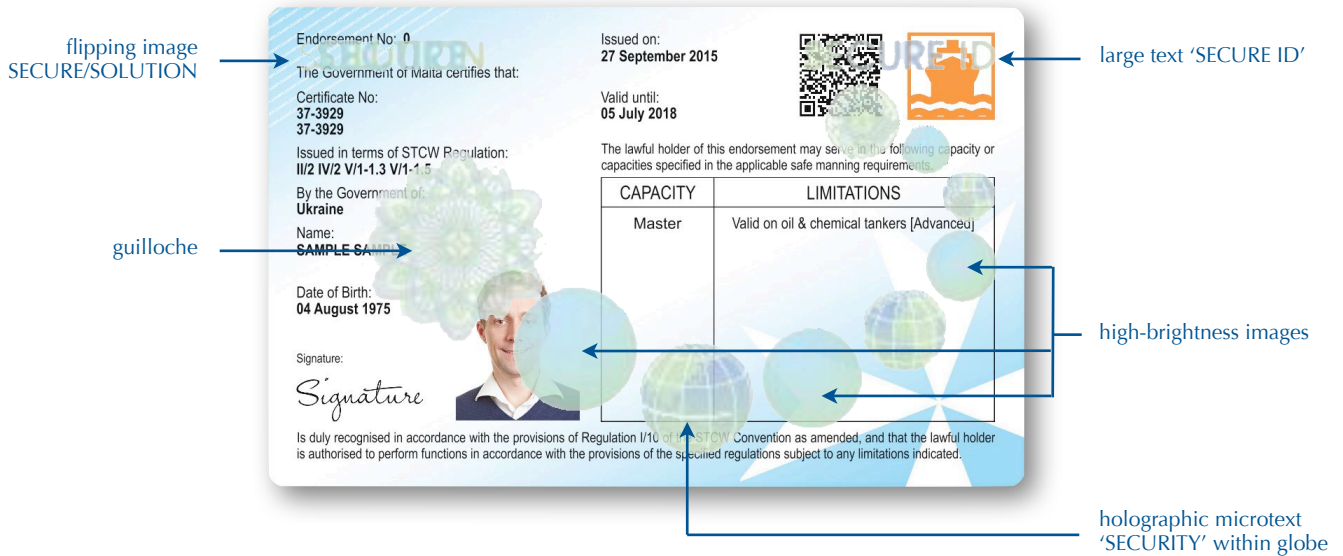




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Holographic layer



Features that are visible under UV light are also partially visible in the holographic layer.

Certificate & Endorsement No: 3688/0

The Government of Malta certifies that under the provisions of the Merchant Shipping (Training and Certification) Regulations and in accordance with the provisions of the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, as amended

Issued on: 31 December 2011  
 Revalidated on: 25 July 2015  
 Valid until: 31 December 2016

has been found duly qualified and competent to serve in the following capacity or capacities specified in the applicable safe manning requirements and subject to any limitations indicated.

CAPACITY	STCW REG.	LIMITATIONS
Second Eng.	III/2	No Limitations To wear corrective lenses

Name: **SAMPLE SAMPLE**  
 Date of Birth: 01 January 1990  
 Place of Birth: Malta  
 Nationality: Maltese  
 Signature: *Signature*

### CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY AND ENDORSEMENT

This Certificate should be carefully preserved. In case of loss through unavoidable causes, a duplicate will be issued only on payment of the prescribed fee.

The original of this Certificate must be kept available in accordance with Reg.12 para.11 of the STCW Convention while serving on-board.

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Endorsement No: 0

The Government of Malta certifies that:

Certificate No: 37-3929  
 37-3929

Issued in terms of STCW Regulation: II/2 IV/1-1.3 V/1-1.5

By the Government of: Ukraine

Name: **SAMPLE SAMPLE**  
 Date of Birth: 04 August 1975  
 Signature: *Signature*

Issued on: 27 September 2015  
 Valid until: 05 July 2018

has been found duly qualified and competent to serve in the following capacity or capacities specified in the applicable safe manning requirements.

CAPACITY	LIMITATIONS
Master	Valid on oil & chemical tankers [Advanced]

is duly recognised in accordance with the provisions of Regulation 110 of the STCW Convention as amended, and that the lawful holder is authorised to perform functions in accordance with the provisions of the specified regulations subject to any limitations indicated.

### ENDORSEMENT

#### Attesting the recognition of a Certificate of Competency

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON STANDARDS OF TRAINING, CERTIFICATION AND WATCHKEEPING FOR SEAFARERS, AS AMENDED.

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Certificate No: 16725IBOCTC

Name: **SAMPLE SAMPLE**

Date of Birth: 08 July 1988  
 Place of Birth: Malta  
 Nationality: Maltese  
 Signature: *Signature*

Issued on: 19 August 2016  
 Revalidated on: N/A  
 Valid until: N/A

Training Programme	STCW Regulation
Basic Oil & Chemical	V/1-1.1

The lawful holder of this certificate has successfully completed a programme of training under the provisions of the Merchant Shipping (Training and Certification) Regulations and in accordance with the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, as amended.

### CERTIFICATE OF PROFICIENCY

#### TANKER CERTIFICATE

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Certificate No: 145883ABSD

Name: **SAMPLE SAMPLE**

Date of Birth: 21 August 1989  
 Place of Birth: Malta  
 Nationality: Maltese  
 Signature: *Signature*

Issued on: 4 October 2013  
 Revalidated on: N/A  
 Valid until: N/A

Training Programme	STCW Regulation
Able Seafarer Deck	I/1.5

The lawful holder of this certificate has successfully completed a programme of training under the provisions of the Merchant Shipping (Training and Certification) Regulations and in accordance with the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, as amended.

### RATING CERTIFICATE

#### Able Seafarer Deck

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Certificate & Endorsement No: 0000000000

This is to certify that, under the provisions of the Radiocommunications (Certificates of Operators) Regulations, the Radio Regulations annexed to the International Telecommunication Convention currently in force and the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, as amended

Name: **SAMPLE SAMPLE**  
 Date of Birth: 04 August 1975  
 Place of Birth: Malta  
 Nationality: Maltese  
 Signature: *Signature*

Issued on: 27 September 2015  
 Revalidated on: 05 September 2016  
 Valid until: 05 September 2018

has been found duly qualified and competent to serve as a GMDSS General Operator in terms of Regulation IV/2 of the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, as amended.

Furthermore, the Government of Malta certifies that the lawful holder of this certificate has been found duly competent to perform functions in accordance with the provisions of Regulation IV/2 of the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, as amended.

### GMDSS GENERAL OPERATOR'S CERTIFICATE

#### AUTHORITY TO OPERATE

The holder of this Certificate is hereby authorised to perform the duties appropriate to the holder of a GMDSS General Operator's Certificate on a ship in respect of which a ship radio station and a ship earth station has been duly licensed.

Subject to the provisions of the Radiocommunications (Certificates of Operators) Regulations, regarding the suspension of any authority with a view to the revocation thereof, this authority shall remain valid until further notice.

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