



RECOGNITION OF NON-MALTESE CERTIFICATES OF COMPETENCE FOR SERVICE ON MALTESE SHIPS

Merchant Shipping Notice 92 Rev. 2

*Notice to Shipowners, Ship Operators and Managers,
Masters, Owners' Representatives and Recognised Organisations
This notice complements Regulation 9 of
the Merchant Shipping (Training and Certification) Regulations, (S.L.234.17)*

The *International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping 1978*, as amended, requires that all officers serving on board seagoing ships and holding a Certificate of Competence not issued by the flag Administration shall hold an Endorsement attesting recognition by that Administration of their Certificate of Competence. The validity of an Endorsement certificate is closely linked to the validity of the Certificate of Competence both of which have to be revalidated every five years by the respective issuing Administration. The Endorsement certificate together with the relevant Certificate of Competence must be kept on board at all times. The *Merchant Shipping (Training and Certification) Regulations, (S.L.234.17)*, provide for the issue, under certain conditions, of Endorsements attesting the recognition of non-Maltese Certificates of Competence.

Applications for Endorsement certificates for officers serving on Maltese ships shall be submitted to the Merchant Shipping Directorate online through the Seafarer Portal <https://seafarers.transport.gov.mt> either by the seafarer, his/her representative or by the company employing the seafarer. This online application shall be accompanied by those documents prescribed in the Seafarer Portal and are to be uploaded in their respective areas, these include:

- *copy of Certificate of Competence and Endorsement attesting the issue of the certificate (Certificate of Endorsement may be incorporated in the Certificate of Competence);*
- *copy of GMDSS certificate if GMDSS Endorsement is required;*
- *Chemical, Gas or Oil tanker Endorsement, if required:
copy of the Basic Tanker course completion certificate, and/or
copy of the advanced Chemical, Gas or Oil tanker training certificate as the case may be;*
- *copy of valid Passport, Seaman's Record Book or official Identity Card (proof of identification showing details of applicant);*
- *signature of seafarer;*
- *colour photograph. Photographs are to be taken in full face, on a white or light background and should be of clear exposure;*
- *relative fee of €60 for new business/revalidation or €30 for reissue (in the event that a certificate is lost);*
- *administrative fee of €25 if secure delivery by courier is required;*
- *administrative fees for urgent and after office hours applications apply.*

The applicant shall be informed if any of the above requirements is incorrect or missing. Applications shall be considered as abandoned within 15 days from the request if the missing requirements are not uploaded. An officer may be accepted to serve on board Maltese ships without an Endorsement certificate for a maximum period of three months, provided that the initial application has been submitted to the Directorate. An acknowledgement of application confirming receipt of the completed application shall serve as proof of application for an Endorsement. The acknowledgement, however, shall not replace the Endorsement certificate issued by the Directorate.

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