

# **BAHAMAS MARITIME AUTHORITY**

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### **Bahamas Endorsements** **issued under STCW1978, as amended, Regulation I/10**

Guidance for Shipowners, Managers, Masters

This bulletin confirms that all Flag State Endorsement are subject to the standard fee.

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1 When Bahamas Endorsements for Masters and Officers were first introduced under the provisions of the STCW Convention 1978, as amended, existing Bahamas licences that had been issued after 30 June 1999 and which expired on 31 January 2002 were able to have a Bahamas STCW Reg. I/10 endorsement issued free of charge. This concession was published in the application procedure, paragraph 12.

With effect from applications received after 31 July 2002, it was considered that any applicant who had not reapplied for a valid Endorsement after seven months had lost the right to that concession. A revised application procedure was published on the Bahamas Maritime Authority website. Thereafter, all applications are charged at the full fee.

2 It should also be noted that all Endorsements bear the same validity as the certificates to which they refer. If an applicant's certificate has a short period of validity, the endorsement will also expire at the same date. Any subsequent re-issue will require a repeat application, with photograph, copies of the documents and the appropriate payment.

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