



INFORMATION BULLETIN No. 02

2019 DATES FOR WRITTEN ASSESSMENTS FOR THE ISSUE OF A BAHAMAS CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY AS AN OFFICER UNDER STCW CHAPTER II AND III

Guidance and Instructions for Seafarers, Bahamians seeking a career at sea, Maritime Training Institutes, Shipowners, Managers, and Seafarers Recruitment and Placement Providers

1. Purpose

- 1.1. The Bahamas Merchant Shipping (Training, Certification, Manning and Watch-keeping) Regulations 2011 require that all seafarers trained under the STCW Chapter II and III are to be duly certified.
- 1.2. The International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers 1978, as amended (STCW), requires that a contracting party verifies the competence of seafarers who hold certificates issued by that party.
- 1.3. This Bulletin gives notice of the **2019 dates** for written assessments for seafarers applying for a Bahamas STCW Certificate of Competency as a Deck Officer or Engineer Officer.
- 1.4. Full guidance on the eligibility requirements, assessment syllabus and assessment fees is contained in BMA Information Bulletin Nos 81 and 104, which are available to download from the BMA website (www.bahamasmaritime.com).

2. Application

- 2.1. This Bulletin applies to seafarers serving or intending to serve as a Deck or Engineering Officer on board Bahamian ships and Companies providing affected seafarers to Bahamian ships.

2.2. Subject to a written and or oral assessment, a Bahamas STCW Certificate of Competency is issued to:

i) Bahamian nationals who have satisfactorily completed STCW Chapter II or III training and assessment at an approved maritime institution in The Bahamas, OR STCW Chapter II or III training at a maritime institution with whom The Bahamas has a STCW Recognition Agreement. The countries recognised by The Bahamas are listed in BMA Information Bulletin No. 121.

ii) Any seafarer who has satisfactorily completed STCW Chapter II or III training and assessment at an approved maritime institution in The Bahamas.

3. Dates for written Assessments

3.1. The written assessments for a Bahamas STCW Certificate of Competency as Deck Officer or Engineer Officer will be conducted during the week of **17th June 2019**.

3.2 Any seafarer wishing to be assessed during this period must submit a completed Notice of Eligibility Application Form, supporting documentation and associated fees.

3.3 The application form, documentation and fee shall be submitted to the BMA Nassau Office, no later than 15th April 2019, at the following address: The Bahamas Maritime Authority, Shirlaw House, 226 Shirley Street, PO Box N-4679, Nassau, New Providence, Bahamas.

3.4 The dates for the written assessments are as follows:

OOW Near Coastal < 500 GT

Chartwork and Practical Navigation	18th June 2019	at 0900 – 1215 hrs
General Ship Knowledge	20 th June 2019	at 0900 – 1100 hrs
Meteorology	20 th June 2019	at 1300 – 1500 hrs

OOW (Unlimited)

Navigation	18 th June 2019	at 0900 – 1130 hrs
Stability and Structure	19 th June 2019	at 0900 to 1130 hrs

OOW Engineers <3000 kW

Engineering Knowledge I	18 th June 2019	at 0900 – 1100 hrs
Engineering Knowledge II	19 th June 2019	at 0900- 1100 hrs
General Engineering Science I	20 th June 2019	at 0900- 1100 hrs
General Engineering Science II	21 st June 2019	at 0900-1100 hrs

- 3.5 The written assessments will be held at premises of the Ministry of Education:

**Tonique Williams Darling Highway.
yellow two story building just east of the Bank of the Bahamas
(the former Workers Wash)**

- 3.6 The oral assessments will be held at the Bahamas Maritime Office Premises in Nassau:

**Shirlaw House, 226 Shirley Street
Nassau, Bahamas
PO Box N-4679**

20th June Officer Of a Navigational Watch and Master
24th June Officer of an Engineering Watch

- 3.7 Should there be eligible candidates for other roles for STCW Certificates of Competency they are encouraged to apply prior to 15th April. The assessments will take place at the same time and the candidates will be informed accordingly.

The individual candidates will be informed in due time prior to the start of the written exams on times of the subjects.

4. Enquiries

Enquiries relating to the assessment or eligibility requirements should be made to the BMA Seafarers and Manning Department (stcw@bahamasmaritime.com).

The written assessments will be held at the Ministry of Education,

5. Revision History

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