
Countries Recognised by The Bahamas in Accordance with STCW Regulation I/10

Notice to ship owners, managers, Masters, Approved Nautical Inspectors, Recognised Organisations and surveyors

This Notice supersedes BMA Information Bulletin No.121

1. Purpose

- 1.1. This Marine Notice provides guidance on the countries with which The Bahamas has signed an agreement, in accordance with the provisions of Regulation I/10 of The International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watch-keeping for Seafarers, 1978, as amended (STCW), to recognise certificates and issue Bahamas Flag State Endorsements (FSE) to a Master, Officer, GMDSS Radio Operator or other applicable seafarer, who are certified by the recognised country.
- 1.2. This Marine Notice should be read in conjunction with IMO MSC.1/Circ. 1163 as revised, BMA Information Bulletin Nos. 86, 103, 104, 105, 106, 118, 127, 130, 137, 140, 147 and any other BMA Information Bulletins relating to training and certification of seafarers.

2. Application

- 2.1. This Marine Notice applies to:
 - i. All Bahamian ships to which STCW is applicable;
 - ii. All persons serving or intending to serve on Bahamian ships to which STCW is applicable and whom require a STCW FSE;
 - iii. Companies employing, recruiting or selecting the seafarers noted above, for service on board Bahamian ships.

3. General

- 3.1. The list of countries recognised by The Bahamas is contained in the Annex.
- 3.2. All parties should note that the process for recognition can only be carried out with a country, or the Maritime Administration acting on behalf of a country, that is party to STCW.
- 3.3. A Company seeking to employ a person as noted in 2.1 who has a certificate from a STCW country that is not recognised by The Bahamas should engage with that country.

- 3.4. Notwithstanding that a country is party to STCW, it remains the prerogative of The Bahamas as to whether an STCW recognition agreement will be entered into with a country and if so, the conditions relating to the same.

4. Queries

- 4.1. Any queries on this Notice may be submitted to stcw@bahamasmaritime.com or any BMA office.

ANNEX – List of Countries with which The Bahamas has concluded an agreement for Recognition of Certificates under STCW 1978, as amended, Regulation I/10 (This list is effective: 29 January 2020)

Algeria	Jordan
Argentina	Korea, Republic of
Australia	Liberia
Bangladesh	Lithuania
Barbados	Malaysia
Belgium	Myanmar
Brazil	Mexico
Brunei	Montenegro
Bulgaria	Morocco
Canada	Netherlands, including Aruba, Curacao and Sint Maarten
Cape Verde	New Zealand
Chile	Nigeria
China, including Hong Kong	Norway
Colombia	Pakistan
Croatia	Panama
Cuba	Papua New Guinea
Cyprus	Peru
Czech Republic	Philippines
Denmark, including Faroe Islands	Poland
The Commonwealth of Dominica	Portugal
Ecuador	Romania
Egypt	Russia
Estonia	Serbia
Ethiopia	Singapore
Finland	Slovak Republic
France	Slovenia
Germany	South Africa
Georgia	Spain
Ghana	Sri Lanka
Greece	Sweden
Hong Kong	Switzerland
Honduras*	Thailand
Hungary	Turkey
Iceland	Ukraine
India	United Kingdom
Indonesia	Uruguay
Ireland	United States of America
Israel	Vanuatu
Italy	Venezuela
Jamaica	Vietnam
Japan	

** Certificates of Proficiency accepted. Certificates of Competency are not recognised.*

Revision History

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