



# STCW

## A guide for seafarers

Taking into account the 2010 Manila amendments



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The STCW Convention and Code is continually being updated and amended to suit the changing requirements of the maritime industry. As a result of the amendments made to the STCW Convention and Code in 2010 (the Manila Amendments), you may be required to demonstrate additional competencies in order to upgrade your certificate to STCW 2010. The deadline for serving seafarers to demonstrate compliance with the 2010 amendments is the **1st January 2017**.

More information on revalidation requirements can be found in the ITF publication;  
**STCW — A Guide for Seafarers.**

### Ratings as able seafarer deck and able seafarer engine

There are new requirements in the STCW Convention for minimum standards of competence for ratings as able seafarer deck and able seafarer engine. The administration will normally accept certificates issued under the ILO convention but may wish some new skills to be gained.

The introduction of the able seafarer deck and the able seafarer engine into the STCW Convention under the 2010 amendments involved substantial reductions in sea-time from the requirements of ILO convention 74. At the same time the competency tables were revised to reflect modern ship requirements and the demands of today's vessels. Administrations should recognise ILO certification and provide for a transition to the new certification.

### Electro-Technical Officers

The 2010 amendments require those serving as Electro-Technical Officers (ETO) to obtain STCW certification. Most administrations have provided transitional arrangements for existing ETO's. It should also be noted that it is only mandatory to carry an STCW certificated ETO if this position is stated on the safe manning certificate.

### Ship Specific Training

There are also new requirements for personnel working on certain ship types. If you are working on passenger ships, ships using low flash point fuels and/or ships operating in polar waters, you may be required to undertake additional safety training. The type of training required will depend on rank and position onboard.

### Further Information

Further information can be found in the document STCW: A guide for seafarers — taking into account the Manila 2010 amendments [www.itfglobal.org/en/resources/reports-publications/stcw-guide-a-guide-for-seafarers](http://www.itfglobal.org/en/resources/reports-publications/stcw-guide-a-guide-for-seafarers).

Seafarers are also advised to contact their flag administration for specific guidance.

