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### **Notice of Implementation of BMA Information Bulletin No.130**

#### **- Training and Certification Requirement**

#### **1. General**

The Bahamas Maritime Authority (BMA) recently issued BMA Information Bulletin No.129 to ship-owners, managers and their manning agents, masters, Bahamas Recognized Organizations and Bahamas Approved Nautical Inspectors. This bulletin outlines the training and certification carriage requirements for seafarers serving onboard Bahamian registered ships.

The International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watch-keeping for Seafarers, 1978 (STCW), the associated Code (STCW Code) and Maritime Labour Convention 2006 (MLC 2006) require all seafarers to be trained for their assigned shipboard tasks and for the ship on which they are sailing.

The Bahamas Maritime Authority (BMA) applies these requirements to all ships registered with the Bahamas with the exception of fishing vessels and non-commercial yachts.

The 2010 amendments to STCW and STCW Code were adopted on 20 June 2010 and will enter into force on 01st January 2012. The finalized text of the 2010 amendments has been issued to all STCW parties by the International Maritime Organization (IMO). This Bulletin makes reference to the requirements of the 2010 amendments.

The table in Appendix 1 lists the certification and training requirement for seafarers taking into consideration the guidelines in STCW Code, Table B-I/2 of the 2010 amendments.

#### **2. Responsibilities of the Company and master**

- 2.1. For the purpose of these requirements, the master is deemed to be the person in overall responsibility of the vessel.
- 2.2. In accordance with Regulation I/14 of STCW, the Company is responsible for ensuring that the ship is manned in compliance with the Safe Manning Document by properly trained, qualified, certificated and medically fit seafarers. Similar requirements are also laid down in paragraph 6 of the International Safety Management (ISM) Code.
- 2.3. The Company must verify the validity and authenticity of all seafarers' sea service, certificates and documents. This responsibility remains irrespective of the Company used as a recruitment and placement (manning/crewing) agent to arrange the placement of seafarers onboard ships.
- 2.4. The Company must verify that seafarers assigned to the vessel have the required valid certification, including applicable flag state endorsements, and are suitably trained to undertake their intended duties including the operation of the shipboard equipment.
- 2.5. The master shall ensure that all persons, prior to undertaking their assigned shipboard duties have valid medical fitness certificates and valid original certificates or documentary evidence of the required training to undertake their assigned tasks.
- 2.6. The Company and the master shall ensure that all persons, on joining a ship or unit, are immediately given appropriate familiarization training with respect to emergency, safety and, if applicable, security in addition to their respective duties and functions.

### **3. Responsibilities of the seafarer**

- 3.1. The seafarer shall ensure that they have onboard the appropriate original documentary evidence of their training and qualification dependent on the type of ship and or their assigned role.
- 3.2. All seafarers shall ensure that they have valid medical fitness.
- 3.3. Record of Sea Service
  - 3.3.1 Where required and where verification of competency is based on experience and/or training, the seafarer should maintain a record of sea service that includes:
    - Name of person
    - Vessel details: IMO No., Gross tonnage, Propulsion power

- Capacity or rank onboard
  - Joining and leaving dates
  - Voyage description.
- 3.3.2. The information above should be recorded in a Seaman's Record Book (SRB) or discharge book or discharge certificates signed by the master or Chief Engineer of the respective ships and bear the stamp of the affected ship.
- 3.3.3. In the absence of a SRB, discharge book or discharge certificate, the Company may provide a letter containing the information of approved seagoing service specified in section 3.3.1. The letter should be on Company letterhead with full contact details and signed by the master or a responsible official of the Company.
- 3.3.4. In addition to the above, cadets, apprentices, new entrants or any applicants undergoing supervised training should ensure that any assigned tasks and or duties are approved by a certificated officer and recorded in an approved training record book.

#### **4. Training and certification for seafarers**

##### General

- 4.1. All persons other than passengers, who are employed or engaged onboard a ship, shall receive familiarization training or information and instructions in personal survival techniques satisfying the requirements of STCW Code A-VI/1.1.
- 4.2. All persons who are employed or engaged onboard AND who have been assigned safety or pollution prevention duties shall received basic training or instructions satisfying the requirements of STCW Code A-VI/1.2. The training or instruction shall be appropriate to the assigned duties taking into consideration that on ships carrying passengers or supernumeraries the seafarer may be required to provide assistance or guidance to these persons.
- 4.3. Where there is a requirement for approved training for STCW Chapter V and VI, the training maybe approved and or accepted by the BMA in accordance with the guidance outlined in BMA Information Bulletin 86. Training for ratings to satisfy the requirements of Chapter II and III of the 2010 amendments shall be approved by an STCW party.
- 4.4. Table of training (Appendix 1)
- 4.4.1. The table in the Appendix 1 outlines the certification and training requirement for

seafarers.

4.4.2. Where the certificate requires a Bahamas Flag State Endorsement, an application should be submitted to the BMA in accordance with BMA Information Bulletin Nos. 104 or 107.

4.4.3. Where the certificate requires revalidation, this means establishing professional competence or maintaining the required standard of competence in accordance with the applicable international requirements. Dependent on the certificate, the BMA will accept the following as evidence of continued professional competence:

.i Evidence of approved seagoing service for a period of at least 12 months in the preceding 5 years; or

.ii Evidence of having performed functions considered by the BMA to be equivalent to the required seagoing service; or

.iii Evidence of successful completion of an approved course(s); or

.iv Evidence of completing approved seagoing service in the capacity of the certificate held, for a period of not less than 3 months in a supernumerary capacity, or lower rank in the six months immediately prior to serving in the capacity of the certificate to be revalidated.

4.4.4. Where required by STCW Regulation V/2.3, seafarers who have completed training in the following:

- crowd management,
- crisis management and human behavior,
- passenger safety, cargo safety and hull integrity

are required to undertake appropriate refresher training at intervals not exceeding five years or are required to provide evidence of having achieved the required standards of competence within the previous five years. Dependent on the certificate, the BMA will accept approved sea service in an assigned role or capacity that relates to the tasks/duties as evidence of having achieved the required standards of competence.

4.4.5. The certificates of competency issued in accordance with STCW Regulations II/1, II/2, II/3, III/1, III/2, III/3, III/6 and VII/2 include the proficiency requirements in “basic training”, “survival craft and rescue boats other than fast rescue boats”, “advanced fire fighting” and “medical first aid” therefore, holders of mentioned certificates of competency are not required to carry Certificates of Proficiency in respect of those competences as noted in STCW Chapter VI.

4.4.6. In accordance with STCW Code A-VI/1, A-VI/2 and A-VI/3, seafarers shall provide evidence of having maintained the required standards of competence every five years. The BMA will accept either appropriate refresher training or sea service assigned to a role that relates these tasks/duties as evidence of having maintained the required standards of competence.

4.4.7. For the purpose of STCW Code A-VI/1.2, all seafarers who are assigned designated safety or pollution prevention duties onboard the ship shall receive basic training OR basic instruction before being assigned to their shipboard duties. The training or instruction shall be appropriate to the assigned duties taking into consideration that on ships carrying passengers or supernumeraries the seafarer may be required to provide assistance or guidance to these persons.

4.4.8. The High Speed Craft (HSC) type rating certificate is to be revalidated every 2 years. The BMA will accept either appropriate refresher training or sea service assigned to a role that relates these tasks/duties as evidence of having maintained the required standards of competence.

#### 4.5. Passenger Ships, including RORO Passenger ships

4.5.1. In addition to the applicable requirement of 4.1 and 4.2 above, persons onboard passenger ships shall be trained to comply with the requirements of STCW Regulation V/2 taking into consideration their assigned duties, including mustering.

4.5.2. For the purpose of STCW Regulation V/2.5, the BMA considers that all persons employed or engaged onboard the ship should complete safety training recognising that they maybe required to communicate and provide assistance to passenger with respect to life saving appliance to passengers.

4.5.3. For the purpose of STCW Regulation V/2.6, the Company shall assess the duties assigned to all persons during an emergency and any personnel assigned a leadership and/or safety role in an emergency situation should complete crisis management and human behavior training.

4.5.4. For the purpose of STCW Regulation V/2.7, the person deemed to have immediate responsibility onboard a passenger ship may not be limited to persons at management level but may include those assigned designated passenger or cargo related responsibilities dependent on the vessel's operational requirements and allocation of shipboard duties.

#### 4.6. Tankers

4.6.1. All Officers, rating and persons involved in cargo operations shall hold evidence of

basic training in accordance with the provisions of STCW requirements relating to the type of tanker on which the person is serving.

4.6.2. In addition to 4.6.1 above, all Officers and persons with immediate responsibility for cargo or cargo related operations shall hold advanced training in accordance with the provisions of STCW requirements relating to the type of tanker on which the person is serving. For the purpose of this requirement, the person deemed to have immediate responsibility may not be limited to persons at management level but may include person assigned designated cargo related responsibilities dependent on the vessel's operational requirements.

#### 4.7. High Speed Craft

All Officers and crew specified on the manning of the Permit to Operate shall be trained in accordance the STCW Convention, Code and with the provisions of the High Speed Craft Code.

#### 4.8. Offshore units

All persons assigned duties onboard an offshore unit should be trained in accordance with either STCW and STCW Code or alternatively the provisions of IMO Resolution A. 891 (21). The Company should take into consideration the Bahamas guidance as outlined in BMA Information Bulletin No. 105.

#### 4.9. Vessels with dynamic position system

All persons engaged in operating a dynamic position system should have the relevant training and experience, taking into consideration the guidance outlined in STCW Code B/V, prior to being assigned their shipboard duties. For this purpose, dynamic positioning is defined as the system whereby a self propelled vessel's position and heading is automatically controlled using its own propulsion units.

#### 4.10. Vessels operating in Polar Waters

The Master and Officers of ships operating in polar waters should be duly trained and have the relevant experience, taking into consideration the guidance outlined in STCW Code B/V, relating to operation in polar waters prior to be assigned shipboard duties.

#### 4.11. Vessels fitted with Electronic Chart Display Information System (ECDIS)

4.11.1. Masters and Navigation Officers certificated after 01<sup>st</sup> January 2011 shall be trained in the operation and use of ECDIS in order to comply with STCW Chapter II. Masters and Navigational officers who hold an STCW certificate prior to the entry

into force of the 2010 STCW amendments should be trained in the operation and use of ECDIS if they are sailing onboard vessels fitted with ECDIS equipment.

4.11.2. The certificate to verify compliance with the ECDIS training requirement shall be issued by the STCW party that issued the affected Officer's Certificate of Competency.

4.12. Vessels to which the International Code for the Security of Ships and Port Facilities (ISPS Code) apply or vessels with a designated Ship Security Officer (SSO)

4.12.1. All persons employed or engaged onboard ships to which the ISPS Code applies shall be trained in accordance with relevant provisions of the STCW Convention and Code.

4.12.2. A person designated as SSO shall comply with the requirements of STCW Regulation VI/5.

## **5. Documentary proof of application**

5.1. In accordance with the provisions of STCW Regulation I/10.5, the BMA will issue a written confirmation of receipt of application (CRA) as documentary proof that an application has been received.

5.2. Until 31 December 2011, the CRA is only required for applications relating to a flag state Endorsement of a Certificate of Competency.

5.3. With effect from 01 January 2012, a CRA is also required for applications relating to a Flag State Endorsement of a Certificate of Competency and Certificate of Proficiency issued to Officers in accordance with the 2010 amendments of STCW Regulation V/1-1(Oil and Chemical tankers advanced training) and V/1-2 (Liquefied Gas tanker advanced training).

## **6. Enquiries**

6.1. Any queries relating to this Bulletin can be directed to the BMA's Seafarers & Manning Department at [stcw@bahamasmaritime.com](mailto:stcw@bahamasmaritime.com)

## **SUMMARY**

Forwarding BMA Information Bulletin No.130, in which it outlines the training and certification carriage requirements for seafarers serving onboard Bahamian registered ships.

## **ACTION REQUESTED**

All the CCS branches and offices are required to organize the study and training of this Information Bulletin. Auditors should remind the Bahamian-flagged company and vessels to pay attention to this bulletin and the effective date of 2010 amendments. All the parties concerned should be fully in compliance with the requirements of this bulletin.

Attachment: BMA Information Bulletin No. 130, Total 11 pages

**For any problem please contact the Certification Management Dept. of CCS  
Headquarters without hesitation**



# The Bahamas Maritime Authority

## BMA INFORMATION BULLETIN No. 130

### TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

#### Guidance and Instructions for Ship-owners, Managers and their Manning Agents, Masters, Bahamas Recognised Organisations and Bahamas Approved Nautical Inspectors

*Note: This Document should be read in conjunction with BMA Information Bulletins 81, 86, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 115, 118, 121, 124, 129 and IMO Resolutions A. 772 (18), A.890 (21), A. 891 (21), A. 955 (23), A. 999 (25) and A. 1024 (26)*

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#### 1. General

1.1. The purpose of this Bulletin is to outline the training and certification carriage requirements for seafarers serving onboard Bahamian registered ships and should be read in conjunction with:

##### 1.1.1. BMA Information Bulletin No:

- .i 81 (*BMA Fees Schedule*),
- .ii 86 (*Approval of STCW Training*),
- .iii 103 (*Seafarers Medical Examination and Certificates*),
- .iv 105 (*Guidance on Manning & Training for Offshore*),
- .v 106 (*Tanker Training & Certificates/Endorsement*),
- .vi 107 (*Bahamian Seaman's Record Book*),
- .vii 108 (*Bahamian Flag State Endorsements*),
- .viii 115 (*Safe Manning Requirements*),
- .ix 118 (*Certificate of Proficiency for Ship Security Officer*),
- .x 121 (*Countries recognised by The Bahamas in accordance with STCW Regulation I/10*) and
- .xi 124 (*Bahamas Seafarers Application Form*)
- .xii 129 (*STCW 2010 Amendments*)

1.1.2. and IMO Resolutions:

*A. 772 (18): Fatigue Factors in Manning and Safety, A.890 (21): Principles of Safe Manning, A. 891 (21): Recommendations on Training of Personnel on Mobile Offshore Units, A. 955 (23): Amendments to Principles of Safe Manning, A. 999 (25): Guidelines for Voyage Planning for Passenger Ships Operating in Remote Areas and A. 1024 (26): Guidelines for Ships Operating in Polar Waters.*

- 1.2. The International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watch-keeping for Seafarers, 1978 (STCW), the associated Code (STCW Code) and Maritime Labour Convention 2006 (MLC 2006) require all seafarers to be trained for their assigned shipboard tasks and for the ship on which they are sailing.
- 1.3. The Bahamas Maritime Authority (BMA) applies these requirements to all ships registered with the Bahamas with the exception of fishing vessels and non-commercial yachts.
- 1.4. The 2010 amendments to STCW and STCW Code were adopted on 20 June 2010 and will enter into force on 01<sup>st</sup> January 2012. The finalised text of the 2010 amendments has been issued to all STCW parties by the International Maritime Organisation (IMO). This Bulletin makes reference to the requirements of the 2010 amendments.
- 1.5. The table in **Appendix 1** lists the certification and training requirement for seafarers taking into consideration the guidelines in STCW Code, Table B-I/2 of the 2010 amendments.

## 2. Responsibilities of the Company<sup>1</sup> and master

- 2.1. For the purpose of these requirements, the master is deemed to be the person in overall responsibility of the vessel.
- 2.2. In accordance with Regulation I/14 of STCW, the Company is responsible for ensuring that the ship is manned in compliance with the Safe Manning Document by properly trained, qualified, certificated and medically fit seafarers. Similar requirements are also laid down in paragraph 6 of the International Safety Management (ISM) Code.

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<sup>1</sup> Company is the entity responsible for the management of the ship in accordance with the ISM Code as defined in STCW Convention Regulation I/1.23)

- 2.3. The Company must verify the validity and authenticity of all seafarers' sea service, certificates and documents. This responsibility remains irrespective of the Company used as a recruitment and placement (manning/crewing) agent to arrange the placement of seafarers onboard ships.
- 2.4. The Company must verify that seafarers assigned to the vessel have the required valid certification, including applicable flag state endorsements, and are suitably trained to undertake their intended duties including the operation of the shipboard equipment.
- 2.5. The master shall ensure that all persons, prior to undertaking their assigned shipboard duties have valid medical fitness certificates and valid original certificates or documentary evidence of the required training to undertake their assigned tasks.
- 2.6. The Company and the master shall ensure that all persons, on joining a ship or unit, are immediately given appropriate familiarization training with respect to emergency, safety and, if applicable, security in addition to their respective duties and functions.

### **3. Responsibilities of the seafarer**

- 3.1. The seafarer shall ensure that they have onboard the appropriate original documentary evidence of their training and qualification dependent on the type of ship and or their assigned role.
- 3.2. All seafarers shall ensure that they have valid medical fitness.

#### **3.3. Record of Sea Service**

- 3.3.1. Where required and where verification of competency is based on experience and/or training, the seafarer should maintain a record of sea service that includes:
  - Name of person
  - Vessel details: IMO No., Gross tonnage, Propulsion power
  - Capacity or rank onboard
  - Joining and leaving dates
  - Voyage description.
- 3.3.2. The information above should be recorded in a Seaman's Record Book (SRB) or discharge book or discharge certificates signed by the Master or Chief Engineer of the respective ships and bear the stamp of the affected ship.

- 3.3.3. In the absence of a SRB, discharge book or discharge certificate, the Company may provide a letter containing the information of approved seagoing service specified in section 3.3.1. The letter should be on Company letterhead with full contact details and signed by the master or a responsible official of the Company.
- 3.3.4. In addition to the above, cadets, apprentices, new entrants or any applicants undergoing supervised training should ensure that any assigned tasks and or duties are approved by a certificated officer and recorded in an approved training record book.

#### **4. Training and certification for seafarers**

##### **General**

- 4.1. All persons other than passengers, who are employed or engaged onboard a ship, shall receive familiarization training or information and instructions in personal survival techniques satisfying the requirements of STCW Code A-VI/1.1.
- 4.2. All persons who are employed or engaged onboard AND who have been assigned safety or pollution prevention duties shall received basic training or instructions satisfying the requirements of STCW Code A-VI/1.2. The training or instruction shall be appropriate to the assigned duties taking into consideration that on ships carrying passengers or supernumeraries the seafarer may be required to provide assistance or guidance to these persons.
- 4.3. Where there is a requirement for approved training for STCW Chapter V and VI, the training maybe approved and or accepted by the BMA in accordance with the guidance outlined in BMA Information Bulletin 86. Training for ratings to satisfy the requirements of Chapter II and III of the 2010 amendments shall be approved by an STCW party.
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- 4.4.1. The table in the **Appendix 1** outlines the certification and training requirement for seafarers.
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- .i Evidence of approved seagoing service for a period of at least 12 months in the preceding 5 years; or
  - .ii Evidence of having performed functions considered by the BMA to be equivalent to the required seagoing service; or
  - .iii Evidence of successful completion of an approved course(s); or
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- 4.4.4. Where required by STCW Regulation V/2.3, seafarers who have completed training in the following:
- crowd management,
  - crisis management and human behaviour,
  - passenger safety, cargo safety and hull integrity
- are required to undertake appropriate refresher training at intervals not exceeding five years or are required to provide evidence of having achieved the required standards of competence within the previous five years. Dependent on the certificate, the BMA will accept approved sea service in an assigned role or capacity that relates to the tasks/duties as evidence of having achieved the required standards of competence.
- 4.4.5. The certificates of competency issued in accordance with STCW Regulations II/1, II/2, II/3, III/1, III/2, III/3, III/6 and VII/2 include the proficiency requirements in “basic training”, “survival craft and rescue boats other than fast rescue boats”, “advanced fire fighting” and “medical first aid” therefore, holders of mentioned certificates of competency are not required to carry Certificates of Proficiency in respect of those competences as noted in STCW Chapter VI.
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- 4.4.7. For the purpose of STCW Code A-VI/1.2, all seafarers who are assigned designated safety or pollution prevention duties onboard the ship shall receive basic training OR basic instruction before being assigned to their shipboard duties. The training or instruction shall be appropriate to the assigned duties taking into consideration that on ships carrying passengers or supernumeraries the seafarer may be required to provide assistance or guidance to these persons.
- 4.4.8. The High Speed Craft (HSC) type rating certificate is to be revalidated every 2 years. The BMA will accept either appropriate refresher training or sea service assigned to a role that relates these tasks/duties as evidence of having maintained the required standards of competence.

#### **4.5. Passenger Ships, including RORO Passenger ships**

- 4.5.1. In addition to the applicable requirement of 4.1 and 4.2 above, persons onboard passenger ships shall be trained to comply with the requirements of STCW Regulation V/2 taking into consideration their assigned duties, including mustering.
- 4.5.2. For the purpose of STCW Regulation V/2.5, the BMA considers that all persons employed or engaged onboard the ship should complete safety training recognising that they maybe required to communicate and provide assistance to passenger with respect to life saving appliance to passengers.
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- 4.5.4. For the purpose of STCW Regulation V/2.7, the person deemed to have immediate responsibility onboard a passenger ship may not be limited to persons at management level but may include those assigned designated passenger or cargo related responsibilities dependent on the vessel's operational requirements and allocation of shipboard duties.

**4.6. Tankers**

- 4.6.1. All Officers, rating and persons involved in cargo operations shall hold evidence of basic training in accordance with the provisions of STCW requirements relating to the type of tanker on which the person is serving.
- 4.6.2. In addition to 4.6.1 above, all Officers and persons with immediate responsibility for cargo or cargo related operations shall hold advanced training in accordance with the provisions of STCW requirements relating to the type of tanker on which the person is serving. For the purpose of this requirement, the person deemed to have immediate responsibility may not be limited to persons at management level but may include person assigned designated cargo related responsibilities dependent on the vessel's operational requirements.

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4.12.2. A person designated as SSO shall comply with the requirements of STCW Regulation VI/5.

**5. Documentary proof of application**

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**6. Enquiries**

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### Appendix I: Table of Training and certification for Seafarers

Regulations/ Code	Type of certificate and brief description	Bahamas Flag State Endorsement required (see 4.4.2)	Revalidation of Certificate (see 4.4.3 above)
STCW II/1, II/2, II/3, III/1, III/2, III/3, III/6, IV/2, VII/2	Certificate of Competency – For masters, officers and GMDSS radio operators	Yes	Yes
STCW II/4, III/4, VII/2	Certificate of Proficiency – For ratings duly certified to be a part of a navigational or engine-room watch	No	No
STCW II/5, III/5, III/7, VII/2*	Certificate of Proficiency – For ratings duly certified as able seafarer deck, able seafarer engine or electro-technical rating	No	No
STCW V/1-1	Certificate of Proficiency or endorsement to a Certificate of Competency – For officers on oil, chemical or liquefied gas tankers with assigned duties and responsibilities relating to cargo or cargo equipment	Yes	Yes
STCW V/1-2	Certificate of Proficiency or endorsement to a Certificate of Competency – For masters, chief engineers, chief mates, second engineers and any other person on oil, chemical or liquefied gas tankers with immediate responsibility for loading, discharging and care in transit or handling of cargo	Yes	Yes
STCW V/1-1	Certificate of Proficiency – For ratings on oil, chemical or liquefied gas tankers with assigned duties and responsibilities relating to cargo or cargo equipment	No	No
STCW V/1-2	Certificate of Proficiency – For ratings on oil, chemical or liquefied gas tankers	No	No
STCW V/2.3	Documentary evidence – Familiarization Training for masters, officers and other personnel assigned specific duties and responsibilities serving on passenger ships	No	No (see 4.4.4 above)
STCW V/2.4	Documentary evidence – Crowd management training for personnel, who are serving on passenger ships, and are designated on muster lists to assist passenger in emergency situations	No	No (see 4.4.4 above)
STCW V/2.5	Documentary evidence – Training for personnel, who are serving on passenger ships, and provide direct service to passengers in passenger spaces	No	No (see 4.4.4 above)
STCW V/2.6	Documentary evidence – Crisis management and human behaviour training for masters, chief mates and other person who are serving on passenger ships, and assigned immediate responsibility for embarking and disembarking passengers	No	No (see 4.4.4 above)

<b>Regulations/ Code</b>	<b>Type of certificate and brief description</b>	<b>Bahamas Flag State Endorsement required (see 4.4.2)</b>	<b>Revalidation of Certificate (see 4.4.3 above)</b>
STCW V/2.7	Documentary evidence – Training for masters, chief mates, chief engineers, second engineers and other person who are serving on passenger ships, and have responsibility for safety of passengers in emergency situations	No	No (see 4.4.4 above)
STCW VI/1.1	Certificate of Proficiency – Familiarization training for all seafarers with shipboard duties, except onboard passenger ships (see 4.4.5 above)	No	Yes (see 4.4.6 above)
STCW VI/1.2	Certificate of Proficiency – Basic training or instruction for all seafarers with designated safety or pollution prevention duties (see 4.4.5 and 4.4.7 above)	No	Yes (see 4.4.6 above)
STCW VI/2	Certificate of Proficiency – Survival craft, rescue boats and fast rescue boats (see 4.4.5 above)	No	Yes (see 4.4.6 above)
STCW VI/3	Certificate of Proficiency – Advanced fire fighting for seafarers designated top control fire-fighting operations (see 4.4.5 above)	No	Yes (see 4.4.6 above)
STCW VI/4	Certificate of Proficiency – Seafarer designated to provide Medical first aid and medical care (see 4.4.5 above)	No	No
STCW VI/5	Certificate of Proficiency – Person designated as Ship security officer	No	No
STCW VI/6 *	Certificate of Proficiency – Security awareness training for all seafarers onboard a ship to which ISPS Code applies OR security training for seafarers with designated security duties	No	No
HSC Code Chapter 18	Type rating Certificate – Training for master and officer onboard a High Speed Craft	No	Yes (see 4.4.8 above)
IMO Assembly Res A. 891 (21) Section 6.2	Offshore Installation Manager (OIM)	No	Yes
IMO Assembly Res A. 891 (21) Section 6.3	Barge Supervisor	No	No
IMO Assembly Res A. 891 (21) Section 6.4	Ballast Control Operator (BCO)	No	Yes
IMO Assembly Res A. 891 (21) Section 6.5	Maintenance Supervisor	No	Yes
IMO Assembly Res A. 891 (21) Section 5.2	Documentary evidence of familiarisation training or instructions For all persons	No	Yes

Regulations/ Code	Type of certificate and brief description	Bahamas Flag State Endorsement required (see 4.4.2)	Revalidation of Certificate (see 4.4.3 above)
IMO Assembly Res A. 891 (21) Section 5.3	Documentary evidence of training in personal survival, fire prevention and fire-fighting, elementary first aid, personal safety and social responsibilities - For regularly assigned personnel and other special personnel without designated responsibility for the safety and survival of others	No	Yes
IMO Assembly Res A. 891 (21) Section 5.4	Documentary evidence of specialized training: For persons designated duties on muster list	No	Yes
Bahamas Regulation	Cook	No	No
Bahamas Regulation	Doctor	No	No

**\* New requirements from 2010 amendments to the STCW**