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Subject: Ukrainian seafarers can now seek Canadian recognition of their STCW certificates

Purpose

The bulletin is to let you know that:

- Canada has signed a reciprocal arrangement with Ukraine.
- Ukrainian seafarers holding a valid STCW certificate¹ of competency can now apply online for a Canadian endorsement.

Scope

This bulletin applies to:

- owners and operators of Canadian-flagged vessels, and
- seafarers from Ukraine that want a Canadian endorsement.

What you need to know

Seafarers with a valid STCW certificate issued by Ukraine can now apply for a Canadian endorsement. This is similar to reciprocal arrangements Canada has already signed with Australia, France and Norway except:

- The Canadian endorsement will be valid for a period that does not exceed the expiry date on the face of the Ukrainian certificate it endorses; however, the [IMO Circular letter No.4232/Add.16](#) will be taken into consideration, when determining the expiry date of a Canadian endorsement, for a Ukrainian seafarer who is in possession of an expired certificate of competency.

Keywords:

1. Reciprocal agreement
2. STCW
3. Canadian endorsement

Questions concerning this Bulletin should be addressed to:

AMSP

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Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0N8

Contact us at: marinesafety-securitemaritime@tc.gc.ca or 1-855-859-3123 (Toll Free).

- The requirement for renewal 6 months before the expiry date, as stated at section 1.6 of the guidance notes on the Transport Canada form *Application for a Canadian Endorsement* form do not apply.
- Ukrainian seafarers are advised to consult the Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada website titled, [*Ukraine immigration measures: Open Work permits for Ukrainians*](#).

Please, note that a Canadian seafarer can seek a Ukrainian recognition of Canadian STCW certificates.

Documents you need to apply

To apply for a Canadian endorsement, please download and follow the instructions contained within the following Transport Canada forms:

- [*Application for a Canadian endorsement \(Form #82-0786\)*](#)
- [*Declaration from an Authorized Representative \(Form #82-0787\)*](#)

Also, a Ukrainian seafarer must demonstrate the relevant accumulated in-service experience related to the STCW certificate for which Canadian endorsement is sought. In the case that the:

- certificate has not expired, provide the following:
 - Copy of seafarer's discharge book and seafarer's testimonials of sea service, or
 - A letter from authorized representative, on company letter head, attesting that the seafarer worked while holding that certificate for the company and the length of time.
- certificate has expired, provide a copy of the seafarer's discharge book and seafarer's testimonials of sea service in order to demonstrate that the requirements of [IMO Circular letter No.4232/Add.16](#) are met.

How to apply

Send your completed application and supporting documents, using one of the following methods:

- email to RecognitionofCertificates-Reconnaissancebrevets@tc.gc.ca
- mail to:

Transport Canada, Seafarer Certification (AMSP),
330 Sparks Street, Place de Ville, Tower C,

Ottawa ON K1A 0N5

Footnote

1: *STCW certificate* means a certificate issued in accordance with the provisions of the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping, 1978, as amended.