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Topic: STCW endorsed Master <80 m (NC) and Engineer Class 3 (NC) certificate of competency.

Issue: This Advisory Note provides information for seafarers who wish to hold a domestic certificate of competency issued under NSCV Part D – Crew Competencies that references the near coastal provisions of the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certifications and Watchkeeping for Seafarers 1978, as amended (STCW). The additional requirements for the issue of a STCW endorsed Master <80 m NC and Engineer Class 3 NC certificate of competency are as below. The term of endorsement will be aligned with Expiry date of the Certificate of Competency.

Advice: **DECK CERTIFICATES of COMPETENCY**

Option 1

Diploma of Maritime Operations (Master up to 80 metres Near Coastal) (MAR - Maritime Training Package)

For a candidate who has completed the MAR Maritime Training Package, **Diploma of Maritime Operations (Master up to 80 metres Near Coastal)** the following requirements must be met to be issued with a **Master <3000 GT STCW Reg II/3 NC** endorsement:

- Be at least 18 years old before the STCW endorsement can be issued;
- Hold a valid Master <80m NC Certificate of Competency;
- Hold a Long Range Operator Certificate of Proficiency (LROCP) issued by the Australian Communications and Media Authority or a valid Global Maritime Distress and Safety Systems (GMDSS) Radio Operator's Certificate; (as appropriate for the equipment to be used on board. Refer to NSCV Part C, 7B, section 7.3 and NSCV Part D, Schedule 1, section 1.12);
- Hold the following:
 - valid Certificate of Safety Training (COST); which includes Security Awareness Training (STCW Reg VI/6 para 4);

Or

- 4 Basic STCW short courses issued by an AMSA approved RTO in the last 5 years;
 - Personal Survival Techniques,
 - Fire Prevention and Fire Fighting,
 - Elementary First Aid, and
 - Personal Safety and Social Responsibilities.
 - Security Awareness Training (STCW Reg VI/6 para 4) must also be completed;
- and
- a valid Advanced Fire Fighting (STCW Reg VI/3) issued in the last 5 years by an AMSA approved RTO;



Or

- If the Personal Survival Techniques and/or Advanced Fire Fighting is more than 5 years old and qualifying sea service requirements are met, complete continued competence refresher training at an AMSA approved RTO (refer to MO 71 Schedule 4) - see [Fact sheet STCW 06](#).
- Security Awareness Training (STCW Reg VI/6 para 4) must also be completed;

Or

- If the Master < 80 m (NC) certificate of competency has been revalidated without qualifying sea service, the seafarer is required to complete the 4 Basic STCW short courses above (if the seafarer has completed the above courses more than 5 years earlier, complete only the Personal Survival Techniques course) and Advanced Fire Fighting at an AMSA approved RTO (refer to MO 71 Schedule 4) – see Fact sheet STCW 06;
- Security Awareness Training (STCW Reg VI/6 para 4) must also be completed;
- Proof of identity and two photographs;
- Provide an application for a Certificate of Competency (AMSA form 534) including details of endorsements applied for;
- Pay fee/s.

Option 2

Master Class 3 / Master <80m Near Coastal (course not under MAR - Maritime Training Package)

Seafarers holding a Master Class 3 / Master <80m Near Coastal (NC) where the course completed was not under the MAR Maritime Training Package must meet the following requirements to be eligible to transition to a **Master <80m NC with Master <3000 GT STCW Reg II/3 NC** - endorsement:

- Be at least 18 years old before the STCW endorsement can be issued;
- Hold (or convert to) a valid Master <80m NC Certificate of Competency;
- Hold a Long Range Operator Certificate of Proficiency (LROCP) issued by the Australian Communications and Media Authority or a valid Global Maritime Distress and Safety Systems (GMDSS) Radio Operator's Certificate; (as appropriate for the equipment to be used on board. Refer to NSCV Part C, 7B, section 7.3 and NSCV Part D, Schedule 1, section 1.12);
- Complete the AMSA approved Master <80m NC task book:

The task book is available and can be signed off by the following approved training organisations or must be signed off by the National Regulator:

- Australian Maritime College;
- South Metropolitan College of TAFE;
- TAFE NSW - Hunter Institute;
- TAFE NSW - OTEN - Strathfield;

Or

- Provide 6 months Qualifying Sea Service while holding a Master <80m NC Certificate of Competency or equivalent;

and

- Hold the following:
 - valid Certificate of Safety Training (COST); which includes Security Awareness Training (STCW Reg VI/6 para 4);

Or

- 4 Basic STCW short courses issued by an AMSA approved RTO in the last 5 years;
 - Personal Survival Techniques,
 - Fire Prevention and Fire Fighting,
 - Elementary First Aid, and
 - Personal Safety and Social Responsibilities.
- Security Awareness Training (STCW Reg VI/6 para 4) must also be completed;

and

- a valid Advanced Fire Fighting (STCW Reg VI/3) issued in the last 5 years by an AMSA approved RTO;

Or

- If the Personal Survival Techniques and/or Advanced Fire Fighting is more than 5 years old and qualifying sea service requirements are met, complete continued competence refresher training at an AMSA approved RTO (refer to MO 71 Schedule 4) – see [Fact sheet STCW 06](#);
- Security Awareness Training (STCW Reg VI/6 para 4) must also be completed;

Or

- If the Master < 80 m (NC) certificate of competency has been revalidated without qualifying sea service, the seafarer is required to complete the 4 Basic STCW short courses above (if the seafarer has completed the above courses more than 5 years earlier, complete only the Personal Survival Techniques course) and Advanced Fire Fighting at an AMSA approved RTO (refer to MO 71 Schedule 4) – see [Fact sheet STCW 06](#);
- Security Awareness Training (STCW Reg VI/6 para 4) must also be completed;
- Proof of identity and two photographs ;
- Provide an application for a Certificate of Competency ([AMSA form 534](#)) including details of endorsements applied for;
- Pay fee/s.

Option 3

Revalidating a STWC endorsement (Master <500 GT STCW Reg II/3 NC) for Master <80m Near Coastal certificate of competency

For a Master <80m NC to revalidate a Master <500 GT STCW Reg II/3 NC endorsement, the candidate must meet the following requirements:

- Hold a valid Master <80m NC Certificate of Competency;
- Hold a Long Range Operator Certificate of Proficiency (LROCP) issued by the Australian Communications and Media Authority or a valid Global Maritime Distress and Safety Systems (GMDSS) Radio Operator's Certificate; (as appropriate for the equipment to be used on board. Refer to NSCV Part C, 7B, section 7.3 and NSCV Part D, Schedule 1, section 1.12);

- Hold the following:
 - valid Certificate of Safety Training (COST); which includes Security Awareness Training (STCW Reg VI/6 para 4);
- Or
 - 4 Basic STCW short courses issued by an AMSA approved RTO in the last 5 years;
 - Personal Survival Techniques,
 - Fire Prevention and Fire Fighting,
 - Elementary First Aid, and
 - Personal Safety and Social Responsibilities..
 - Security Awareness Training (STCW Reg VI/6 para 4) must also be completed;
- and
 - a valid Advanced Fire Fighting (STCW Reg VI/3) issued in the last 5 years by an AMSA approved RTO;
- Or
 - If the Personal Survival Techniques and/or Advanced Fire Fighting is more than 5 years old and qualifying sea service requirements are met, complete continued competence refresher training at an AMSA approved RTO (refer to MO 71 Schedule 4) – see [Fact sheet STCW 06](#).
 - Security Awareness Training (STCW Reg VI/6 para 4) must also be completed;
- Or
 - If the Master < 80 m (NC) certificate of competency has been revalidated without qualifying sea service, the seafarer is required to complete the 4 Basic STCW short courses above (if the seafarer has completed the above courses more than 5 years earlier, complete only the Personal Survival Techniques course) and Advanced Fire Fighting at an AMSA approved RTO (refer to MO 71 Schedule 4) – see [Fact sheet STCW 06](#).
 - Security Awareness Training (STCW Reg VI/6 para 4) must also be completed.
- Proof of identity and two photographs;
- Provide an application for a Certificate of Competency ([AMSA form 534](#)) including details of endorsements applied for;
- Pay fee/s.

Option 4

Revalidating an AMSA issued “Red Booklet” STCW endorsed State issued Master Class 3 certificate of competency (pre- Manila STCW)

For a Master Class 3 or Master Class 4 to revalidate an AMSA issued “Red Booklet” STCW endorsed State issued Master Class 3 or Master Class 4 certificate of competency please refer to AMSA Fact Sheet STCW 54 - Transition of Existing Certificates as per **Schedule 5, Marine Order 71 (Masters and deck officers) 2014**.

ENGINEER CLASS 3 (NC) CERTIFICATES of COMPETENCY

Option 1

Diploma of Maritime Operations (Marine Engineering Class 3 Near Coastal) (MAR-Maritime Training Package)

For a candidate who completed the MAR Maritime Training Package, Diploma of Maritime Operations (Marine Engineering Class 3 Near Coastal) the following requirements need to be met before being issued with an Engineer Class 3 (STCW III/3) NC endorsement:

- Be at least 18 years old before the STCW endorsement can be issued;
- Hold a valid Engineer Class 3 (NC) Certificate of Competency;
- Hold the following:
 - valid Certificate of Safety Training (COST); which includes Security Awareness Training (STCW Reg VI/6 para 4);

Or

- 4 Basic STCW short courses issued by an AMSA approved RTO in the last 5 years;
 - Personal Survival Techniques,
 - Fire Prevention and Fire Fighting,
 - Elementary First Aid, and
 - Personal Safety and Social Responsibilities.
- Security Awareness Training (STCW Reg VI/6 para 4) must also be completed;

and

- a valid Advanced Fire Fighting (STCW Reg VI/3) issued in the last 5 years by an AMSA approved RTO;

Or

- If the Personal Survival Techniques and/or Advanced Fire Fighting is more than 5 years old and qualifying sea service requirements are met, complete continued competence refresher training at an AMSA approved RTO (refer to MO 72 Schedule 4) – see [Fact sheet STCW 06](#).
- Security Awareness Training (STCW Reg VI/6 para 4) must also be completed;

Or

- If the Engineer Class 3 (NC) certificate of competency has been revalidated without qualifying sea service, the seafarer is required to complete the 4 Basic STCW short courses above (if the seafarer has completed the above courses more than 5 years earlier, complete only the Personal Survival Techniques course) and Advanced Fire Fighting at an AMSA approved RTO (refer to MO 72 Schedule 4) – see [Fact sheet STCW 06](#);
- Security Awareness Training (STCW Reg VI/6 para 4) must also be completed;
- Provide proof of identity and two photographs;
- Complete an application for a Certificate of Competency; ([AMSA form 534](#)) including details of endorsements applied for;
- Pay fee/s.

Option 2

Existing Engineer Class 3 (USL, NC, course not under MAR Maritime Training Package, pre-June 2013)

Seafarers already holding an existing Engineer Class 3 (USL) or Near Coastal certificate through a course other than the MAR Maritime Training Package, Diploma of Maritime Operations (Marine Engineering Class 3 Near Coastal) will need to meet all of the following requirements to be eligible to transition to the **Engineer Class 3 (STCW III/3) NC** endorsement:

- Be at least 18 years old before the STCW endorsement can be issued;
- Complete the approved Engineer Class 3 NC AMSA task book;
The task book is available and can be signed off by the following approved training organisations or must be signed off by the National Regulator:
 - Australian Maritime College;
 - South Metropolitan College of TAFE;
 - TAFE NSW - Hunter Institute;
 - TAFE NSW - OTEN - Strathfield;

Or

- Provide 6 months Qualifying Sea Service while holding an EC 3 Certificate of Competency;

and

- Hold the following:
 - valid Certificate of Safety Training (COST); which includes Security Awareness Training (STCW Reg VI/6 para 4);

Or

- 4 Basic STCW short courses issued by an AMSA approved RTO in the last 5 years;
 - Personal Survival Techniques,
 - Fire Prevention and Fire Fighting,
 - Elementary First Aid, and
 - Personal Safety and Social Responsibilities.
- Security Awareness Training (STCW Reg VI/6 para 4) must also be completed;

and

- a valid Advanced Fire Fighting (STCW Reg VI/3) issued in the last 5 years by an AMSA approved RTO;

Or

- If the Personal Survival Techniques and/or Advanced Fire Fighting is more than 5 years old and qualifying sea service requirements are met, complete continued competence refresher training at an AMSA approved RTO (refer to MO 72 Schedule 4) – see [Fact sheet STCW 06](#);
- Security Awareness Training (STCW Reg VI/6 para 4) must also be completed;

Or

- If the Engineer Class 3 (NC) certificate of competency has been revalidated without qualifying sea service, the seafarer is required to complete the 4 Basic STCW short courses above (if the seafarer has completed the above courses more than 5 years earlier, complete only the Personal Survival Techniques course) and Advanced Fire Fighting at an AMSA approved RTO (refer to MO 72 Schedule 4) – see [Fact sheet STCW 06](#);
- Security Awareness Training (STCW Reg VI/6 para 4) must also be completed;
- Proof of identity and two photographs;
- Application for a Certificate of Competency ([AMSA form 534](#)) including details of endorsements applied for;
- Pay fee/s.

Option 3

Revalidating a STCW endorsement (STCW III/3) for Engineer Class 3 (Near Coastal) certificate of competency

For an Engineer Class 3 to revalidate an Engineer Class 3 (STCW III/3) NC endorsement the candidate needs to meet the following:

- Hold (or convert to) a valid Engineer Class 3 (NC) Certificate of Competency;
- Hold the following:
 - valid Certificate of Safety Training (COST); which includes Security Awareness Training (STCW Reg VI/6 para 4);

Or

- 4 Basic STCW short courses issued by an AMSA approved RTO in the last 5 years;
 - Personal Survival Techniques,
 - Fire Prevention and Fire Fighting,
 - Elementary First Aid, and
 - Personal Safety and Social Responsibilities.
- Security Awareness Training (STCW Reg VI/6 para 4) must also be completed;

and

- a valid Advanced Fire Fighting (STCW Reg VI/3) issued in the last 5 years by an AMSA approved RTO;

Or

- If the COST and/or Advanced Fire Fighting is more than 5 years old and qualifying sea service requirements are met, complete continued competence refresher training for the STCW short course Personal Survival Techniques and/or Advanced Fire Fighting at an AMSA approved RTO (refer to MO 72 Schedule 4) – see [Fact sheet STCW 06](#);
- Security Awareness Training (STCW Reg VI/6 para 4) must also be completed;

Or

- If the Engineer Class 3 (NC) certificate of competency has been revalidated without qualifying sea service, the seafarer is required to complete the 4 Basic STCW short courses above (if the seafarer has completed the above courses more than 5 years earlier, complete only the Personal Survival Techniques course) and Advanced Fire Fighting at an AMSA approved RTO (refer to MO 72 Schedule 4) – see [Fact sheet STCW 06](#);

- Security Awareness Training (STCW Reg VI/6 para 4) must also be completed;
- Proof of identity and two photographs;
- Application for a Certificate of Competency ([AMSA form 534](#)) including details of endorsements applied for;
- Pay fee/s.

Option 4

Revalidating a STCW endorsement (STCW III/3) for Engineer Class 3, USL Code certificate of competency issued with a “Red Booklet” (pre-Manila STCW endorsement)

For an Engineer Class 3 to revalidate an AMSA issued “Red Booklet” - STCW endorsed State issued Engineer Class 3 certificate of competency needs to meet the following:

- Hold a STCW endorsed State Engineer Class 3 Certificate of Competency Red Book;
- Hold a valid Engineer Class 3, USL Code certificate of competency or Engineer Class 3 (NC) Certificate of Competency;
- Hold the following:
 - valid Certificate of Safety Training (COST); which includes Security Awareness Training (STCW Reg VI/6 para 4);

Or

- 4 Basic STCW short courses issued by an AMSA approved RTO in the last 5 years;
 - Personal Survival Techniques,
 - Fire Prevention and Fire Fighting,
 - Elementary First Aid, and
 - Personal Safety and Social Responsibilities.
- Security Awareness Training (STCW Reg VI/6 para 4) must also be completed;

and

- a valid Advanced Fire Fighting (STCW Reg VI/3) issued in the last 5 years by an AMSA approved RTO;

Or

- If the Personal Survival Techniques and/or Advanced Fire Fighting is more than 5 years old and qualifying sea service requirements are met, complete continued competence refresher training at an AMSA approved RTO (refer to MO 72 Schedule 4) – see [Fact sheet STCW 06](#);
- Security Awareness Training (STCW Reg VI/6 para 4) must also be completed;

Or

- If the Engineer Class 3 (NC) certificate of competency has been revalidated without qualifying sea service, the seafarer is required to complete the 4 Basic STCW short courses above (if the seafarer has completed the above courses more than 5 years earlier, complete only the Personal Survival Techniques course) and Advanced Fire Fighting at an AMSA approved RTO (refer to MO 72 Schedule 4) – see [Fact sheet STCW 06](#);
- Security Awareness Training (STCW Reg VI/6 para 4) must also be completed;
- Proof of identity and two photographs;
- Application for a Certificate of Competency ([AMSA form 534](#)) including details of endorsements applied for;
- Pay fee/s.

More information: Advisory Notes and STCW Fact Sheets containing more information on approved training organisations, certificates of competency, sea service requirements and task books can be obtained from the Australian Maritime Safety Authority website at www.amsa.gov.au and from state and territory marine safety agencies.

Note: If there is an inconsistency between this document and previously issued documents about the subject matter, this document supersedes advice in previous documents dealing with these matters.

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