

	<b>GOVERNMENT OF ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA</b> <b>DEPARTMENT OF MARINE SERVICES AND</b> <b>MERCHANT SHIPPING (ADOMS)</b>  <b>Circular 01-001-02</b>  <b>Seafarer's Certification Control Procedures</b> <b>by Port State Control (PSC) Authorities</b>	Document	Circ. 01-001-02
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		Reference	1. STCW 1978, as amended, Article X, Reg. I/4; Reg. I/10 (5)  2. STCW 1978, as amended, Section A-I/2, Section B-I/2, Table B-I/2  3. Antigua and Barbuda Merchant Shipping Act

**Circular letter to:**

**all owners, managing owners, filing agents and crewing companies;  
all ships registered under the flag of Antigua and Barbuda W.I.**

The Flag State Administration of Antigua and Barbuda does not issue Certificates of Competency for seafarers at the management, operational and support levels in its own right. In accordance with Regulation I/10 of STCW 1978, as amended (hereinafter called STCW), the Flag State Administration of Antigua and Barbuda recognizes, by endorsement, Certificates of Competency issued by other countries, provided the country is a Party to STCW and has demonstrated that it has given full and complete effect to the relevant provisions of the Convention ("White List").

Under the provisions of Regulation I/10 of STCW and Table B-I/2, the only certificates for which a Flag State Endorsement is required are those issued under the provisions of STCW regulations II/1, II/2, II/3, III/1, III/2, III/3, III/6, IV/2, V/I-1, V/I-2 and VII/2.

Considering the importance of well-qualified personnel on board the vessels, we as the Flag State Administration decided also to endorse certificates of special qualification as Ship Security Officer (STCW Reg. VI/5).

Other certificates issued in accordance with the STCW Convention by, or on behalf of, other countries that are party to the Convention:

- **II/4 and III/4** ratings forming part of a navigational or engine room watch
- **II/5 and III/5** able seafarer deck and able seafarer engine
- **III/7** electro-technical rating
- **VI/1** safety familiarization and basic training
- **VI/2** certificate of proficiency in survival craft and rescue boats other than fast rescue boats
- **VI/3** training in advanced fire fighting
- **VI/4** training relating to medical first aid and medical care

are accepted, but without the need for an Antigua and Barbuda endorsement. These certificates will be recorded in the STCW database of Antigua and Barbuda. An attestation on written request of the owner/crewing company may be issued.

Seafarers' books are mandatory for all crew members on board Antiguan flagged vessels. This is a national requirement of Antigua and Barbuda and not subject to inspections under Article X of the STCW Convention, but will be monitored by Antigua and Barbuda.

In accordance with Regulation I/10 of the Convention, masters and officers at the management and operational levels will be issued a certificate of receipt of application (CRA). This certificate is generated by EDP and is to be considered an original document.

In case where the applicant will join the vessel prior to the receipt of the CRA, a copy of the completed application form FO-C01 or a printout from the Interactive Application System for Seafarers (IASS) should be accepted by inspections under Article X of the Convention (MOU Paris/Tokyo). This should be sufficient evidence until the receipt of the original CRA.

If the Endorsement, issued by Antigua and Barbuda, is not available to the crew member, the **Online STCW Database Query** on the website [www.antiguamarine.com](http://www.antiguamarine.com) will give evidence regarding the details of the issued Endorsement.

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