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Emergency, Occupational Safety, Security, Medical Care & Survival Functions

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Section A-VI/1

1. Mandatory minimum requirements for safety familiarization, basic training and instruction for all seafarers

1.1 Basic training

Seafarers employed or engaged in any capacity on board ship on the business of that ship as part of the ship's complement with designated safety or pollution-prevention duties in the operation of the ship shall, before being assigned to any shipboard duties, receive appropriate approved basic training or instruction in:

- a) Proficiency in Personal Survival Techniques and meet the standards of competence set out in table A-VI/1-1
- b) Proficiency in Fire prevention and Fire Fighting and meet the standards of competence set out in table A-VI/1-2
- c) Proficiency in Elementary First Aid and meet the standards of competence set out in table A-VI/1-3, and
- d) Proficiency in Personal Safety and Social Responsibilities and meet the standards of competence set out in Table A-VI/1-4

1.1 Eligibility criteria

- a) Every seafarer for a certificate of Basic Training (Personal Survival Techniques, Fire prevention and Fire Fighting, Elementary First Aid & Personal Safety and Social Responsibilities)shall:
 - i. Be not less than 18 years at the time of commencement of the training programme.
 - ii. Shall have a valid medical certificate issued in accordance with provisions of STCW Reg.I/9 and Section A-I/9.

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- b) Seafarers shall attend approved training courses in Personal Survival Techniques, Fire prevention and Fire Fighting, Elementary First Aid & Personal Safety and Social Responsibilities and meet the standards of competence set out in Section A-VI/1.

1.2 Course, examination and assessment procedure

Approved Maritime Training Institutes (AMTI) can conduct training programmes for Personal Survival Techniques, Fire prevention and Fire Fighting, Elementary First Aid & Personal Safety and Social Responsibilities to cater eligible seafarers. The course content and the duration, to achieve the minimum standards of competence shall be as per the DGMS approved core syllabi and detailed syllabi.

The training programmes shall comply with STCW Reg.VI/1, Sec A-VI/1 and guidance given in Sec.B-VI/1

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- a) An examination and assessment will be conducted by an approved training institute at the end of the training programmes as detailed below.

Subject	Duration of examination	Type of Examination	Pass Mark
Proficiency in Personal Survival Techniques	01 hr	MCQ & Practical evaluation	MCQ – 60 % Practical evaluation ¹
Proficiency in Fire prevention and Fire Fighting	01 hrs	MCQ & Practical evaluation	MCQ – 60 % Practical evaluation ²
Proficiency in Elementary First Aid	01 hr	MCQ & Practical evaluation	MCQ – 60 % Practical evaluation ³
Proficiency in Personal Safety and Social Responsibilities	01 hr	MCQ	60 %

- b) To be eligible to sit for the final examinations candidates shall have 100% of class room attendance for each programme.

¹ Seafarers shall be able to undertake the tasks, duties and responsibilities listed in column 1 of table A-VI/1-1 of the code

² Seafarers shall be able to undertake the tasks, duties and responsibilities listed in column 1 of table A-VI/1-2 of the code

³ Seafarers shall be able to undertake the tasks, duties and responsibilities listed in column 1 of table A-VI/1-3 of the code

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Section A-VI/2

2. Mandatory minimum requirements for the issue of certificates of proficiency in survival craft, rescue boats and other than fast rescue boats

2.1 Proficiency in survival crafts and rescue boats other than fast rescue boats

Every candidate for a certificate of proficiency in survival craft and rescue boats other than fast rescue boats shall be required to demonstrate competence to undertake the tasks, duties and responsibilities listed in table A-VI/2-1 of the Code.

2.11 Eligibility criteria

- b) Every seafarer for a certificate of proficiency in survival craft and rescue boats other than fast rescue boats shall:
- (i) Be not less than 18 years at the time of commencement of the training programme.
 - (ii) Shall have a valid medical certificate issued in accordance with provisions of STCW Reg.1/9 and Section A-I/9.
 - (iii) have approved sea going service of not less than 12 months or have attended an approved pre-sea training course and have approved sea-going service of not less than 06 months;
- c) Seafarers shall attend an approved training course of proficiency in survival crafts and rescue boats other than fast rescue boats and meet the standards of competence set out in Section A-VI/2-1.

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2.12 Course, examination and assessment procedure

Approved Maritime Training Institutes (AMTI) can conduct training programmes for Proficiency in Survival Crafts and Rescue boats other than fast rescue Boats to cater eligible seafarers. The course content and the duration, to achieve the minimum standards of competence shall be as per the DGMS approved core syllabus and detailed syllabi.

The training programmes shall comply with STCW Reg.VI/2, Sec A-VI/2 and guidance given in Sec.B-VI/2

- a) An examination and assessment will be conducted by the training institute at the end of the training programme as detailed below.

Subject	Duration of examination	Type of Examination	Pass Mark
Proficiency in Survival Crafts and Rescue boats other than Fast rescue Boats	01 hr	MCQ & Practical evaluation	MCQ – 60 % Practical evaluation ⁴

- b) To be eligible to sit for the final examination candidates shall have 100% of class room attendance.

⁴ Seafarers shall be able to undertake the tasks, duties and responsibilities listed in column 1 of table A-VI/2-1 of the code

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2.2 Proficiency in fast rescue boats

Every candidate for a certificate of proficiency in fast rescue boats shall be required to demonstrate competence to undertake the tasks, duties and responsibilities listed in table A-VI/2-2 of the Code.

2.21 Eligibility criteria

- a) Every seafarer for a certificate of proficiency in fast rescue boats shall:
- i) be a holder of certificate of proficiency in survival craft & rescue boats other than fast rescue boats.
 - ii) Shall have a valid medical certificate issued in accordance with provisions of STCW Reg.I/9 and Section A-I/9.
- b) Attend an approved training course in proficiency in fast rescue boats and meet the standards of competence set out in Section A-VI/2-2

2.22 Course, examination and assessment procedure

Approved Maritime Training Institutes (AMTI) can conduct training programmes for Proficiency in Fast rescue Boats to cater eligible seafarers. The course content and the duration, to achieve the minimum standards of competence shall be as per the DGMS approved core syllabus and detailed syllabus.

The training programmes shall comply with STCW Reg.VI/2 Para 2, Sec A-VI/2 Para 7-10 and guidance given in Sec.B-VI/2

- a) An examination and assessment will be conducted by the training institute at the end of the training programme as detailed below.

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Subject	Duration of examination	Type of Examination	Pass Mark
Proficiency in fast rescue boats	01 hr	MCQ & Practical evaluation	MCQ – 60 % Practical evaluation ⁵

- b) To be eligible to sit for the final examination candidates shall have 100% of class room attendance

⁵ Seafarers shall be able to undertake the tasks, duties and responsibilities listed in column 1 of table A-VI/2-2 of the code

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Section A-VI/3

3. **Mandatory minimum training in advanced fire fighting**

3.1 **Proficiency in Advanced fire fighting**

Seafarers designated to control fire-fighting operations shall have successfully completed advanced training in techniques for fighting fire, with particular emphasis on organization, tactics and command, and shall be required to demonstrate competence to undertake the tasks, duties and responsibilities listed in table A-VI/3 of the Code.

3.1.1 **Eligibility criteria**

- a) Every seafarer for a certificate of proficiency in advanced fire fighting shall:
 - i) be a holder of certificate of proficiency in Basic Training;
 - ii) Shall have a valid medical certificate issued in accordance with provisions of STCW Reg.1/9 and Section A-I/9.
- b) attend an approved training course in proficiency in advanced fire fighting and meet the standards of competence set out in Section A-VI/3

3.1.2 **Course, examination and assessment procedure**

Approved Maritime Training Institutes (AMTI) can conduct training programmes for Proficiency in Advanced Fire Fighting to cater eligible seafarers. The course content and the duration, to achieve the minimum standards of competence shall be as per the DGMS approved core syllabus and detailed syllabus.

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The training programmes shall comply with STCW Reg.VI/3, Sec A-VI/3 and guidance given in Sec.B-VI/3

- a) An examination and assessment will be conducted by the training institute at the end of the training programme as detailed below.

Subject	Duration of examination	Type of Examination	Pass Mark
Proficiency in Advanced Fire Fighting	01 hr	MCQ & Practical evaluation	MCQ – 60 % Practical evaluation ⁶

- b) To be eligible to sit for the final examination candidates shall have 100% of class room attendance

⁶ Seafarers shall be able to undertake the tasks, duties and responsibilities listed in column 1 of table A-VI/3 of the code

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Section A-VI/4

4. Mandatory minimum requirements related to medical first aid and medical care

4.1 Proficiency in medical first aid on board ship

Seafarers designated to provide medical first aid onboard ships shall be required to demonstrate competence to undertake the tasks, duties and responsibilities listed in table A-VI/4-1 of the Code.

4.11 Eligibility criteria

- a) Every seafarer for a certificate of proficiency in Medical First Aid shall:
- i) be a holder of certificate of proficiency in Basic Training;
 - ii) Shall have a valid medical certificate issued in accordance with provisions of STCW Reg.I/9 and Section A-I/9.
- b) Attend an approved training course in proficiency in Medical First Aid and meet the standards of competence set out in Section A-VI/4-1

4.12 Course, examination and assessment procedure

Approved Maritime Training Institutes (AMTI) can conduct training programmes for Medical First Aid to cater eligible seafarers. The course content and the duration, to achieve the minimum standards of competence shall be as per the DGMS approved core syllabus and detailed syllabus.

The training programmes shall comply with STCW Reg.VI/4 Para 1, Sec A-VI/4 Para 1-3 and guidance given in Sec.B-VI/4

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- a) An examination and assessment will be conducted by the training institute at the end of the training programme as detailed below.

Subject	Duration of examination	Type of Examination	Pass Mark
Proficiency in Medical First Aid	01 hr	MCQ & Practical evaluation	MCQ - 60 % Practical evaluation ⁷

- b) To be eligible to sit for the final examination candidates shall have 100% of class room attendance.

⁷ Seafarers shall be able to undertake the tasks, duties and responsibilities listed in column 1 of table A-VI/4-1 of the code

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4.2 Proficiency in medical care

Seafarers designated to take charge in medical care onboard ships shall be required to demonstrate competence to undertake the tasks, duties and responsibilities listed in table A-VI/4-2 of the Code.

4.21 Eligibility criteria

- a) Every seafarer for a certificate of proficiency in Medical Care shall:
- i) be a holder of certificate of proficiency in Medical First Aid;
 - ii) Shall have a valid medical certificate issued in accordance with provisions of STCW Reg.I/9 and Section A-I/9.
- b) Attend an approved training course in proficiency in advanced fire fighting and meet the standards of competence set out in Section A-VI/4-2

4.22 Course, examination and assessment procedure

Approved Maritime Training Institutes (AMTI) can conduct training programmes for Proficiency in Medical Care to cater eligible seafarers. The course content and the duration, to achieve the minimum standards of competence shall be as per the DGMS approved core syllabus and detailed syllabus.

The training programmes shall comply with STCW Reg.VI/4 Para 2, Sec A-VI/4 Para 4-6 and guidance given in Sec.B-VI/4

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- a) A assessment will be conducted by the training institute at the end of the training programme as detailed below.

Subject	Duration of examination	Type of Examination	Pass Mark %
Proficiency in Medical Care	01 hr	MCQ & Practical evaluation	MCQ – 60 % Practical evaluation ⁸

- b) To be eligible to sit for the final examination candidates shall have 100% of class room attendance.

⁸ Seafarers shall be able to undertake the tasks, duties and responsibilities listed in column 1 of table A-VI/4-2 of the code

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Section A-VI/5

5.0 Mandatory minimum requirements for the issue of certificates of proficiency for ship security officers

5.1 Proficiency as Ship security officer (Regulation VI/5 of STCW 2010)

5.11 Eligibility criteria

- a) Every seafarer for a certificate of proficiency as ship security officer shall:
- i) be a holder of certificate of proficiency in Security Awareness Training or Seafarers with Designated Security Duties.
 - ii) Shall have a valid medical certificate issued in accordance with provisions of STCW Reg.I/9 and Section A-I/9.
 - iii) have approved seagoing service of not less than 12 months or appropriate seagoing service and knowledge of ship operations;
- b) Attend an approved training course in proficiency as ship security officer and meet the standards of competence set out in Section A-VI/5

5.12 Course, examination and assessment procedure

Approved Maritime Training Institutes (AMTI) can conduct training programmes for "Ship Security Officer" to cater eligible seafarers. The course content and the duration, to achieve the minimum standards of competence shall be as per the DGMS approved core syllabus and detailed syllabus.

The training programmes shall comply with STCW Reg.VI/5, Sec A-VI/5 and guidance given in Sec.B-VI/5

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- a) A assessment will be conducted by the training institute at the end of the training programme as detailed below.

Subject	Duration of examination	Type of Examination	Pass Mark %
Proficiency as ship security officer	01 hr	MCQ	60

- b) To be eligible to sit for the final examination candidates shall have 100% of class room attendance.

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Section A-VI/6

6.0 Mandatory minimum requirements for security-related training and instruction for all seafarers

6.1 Proficiency in Security awareness (Regulation VI/6 of STCW 2010)

Seafarers employed or engaged in any capacity on board a ship which is required to comply with the provisions of the ISPS Code on the business of that ship as part of the ship's complement without designated security duties shall, receive appropriate approved training or instruction in security awareness and be able to undertake the tasks, duties and responsibilities as set out in table A-VI/6-1 before being assigned to any shipboard duties⁹.

6.11 Eligibility criteria

- a) Every seafarer for a certificate of proficiency as ship security awareness training shall:
 - i. Be not less than 18 years at the time of commencement of the training programme.
 - ii. Shall have a valid medical certificate issued in accordance with provisions of STCW Reg.I/9 and Section A-I/9.
- b) Seafarers shall attend approved training courses in Ship Security Awareness Training and meet the standards of competence set out in Section VI/6-1.

⁹ Seafarers holding an existing SSO certificate does not required to undergo this training

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6.12 Course, examination and assessment procedure

Approved Maritime Training Institutes (AMTI) can conduct training programmes for “Ship Security Awareness Training” to cater eligible seafarers. The course content and the duration, to achieve the minimum standards of competence shall be as per the DGMS approved core syllabus and detailed syllabus.

The training programmes shall comply with STCW Reg.VI/6 Para 1, Sec A-VI/6 Para 1-3 and guidance given in Sec.B-VI/1

- a) A assessment will be conducted by the training institute at the end of the training programme as detailed below.

Subject	Duration examination	Type of Examination	Pass Mark %
Proficiency in security awareness	01 hrs	MCQ	60

- b) To be eligible to sit for the final examination candidates shall have 100% of class room attendance.

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6.2 Proficiency in security training for seafarers with Designated security duties **(Regulation VI/6 of STCW 2010)**

Every seafarer who is designated to perform security duties, including anti-piracy and anti-armed-robbery-related activities, shall be required to demonstrate competence to undertake the tasks, duties and responsibilities listed in column 1 of table A-VI/6-2¹⁰.

6.21 Eligibility criteria

- a) Every seafarer for a certificate of proficiency as seafarers with designated security duties shall:
 - i. Be not less than 18 years at the time of commencement of the training programme.
 - ii. Shall have a valid medical certificate issued in accordance with provisions of STCW Reg.I/9 and Section A-I/9.
- b) Seafarers shall attend approved training courses in Seafarers with Designate Security Duties and meet the standards of competence set out in Section A-VI/6-2

6.22 Course, examination and assessment procedure

The course content and the duration, to achieve the minimum standards of competence shall be as per the DGMS approved core syllabus.

Approved Maritime Training Institutes (AMTI) can conduct training programmes for Seafarers with designated security duties to cater eligible seafarers. The course content and the duration, to achieve the minimum

¹⁰ Seafarers who have 06 months of sea experience preceding 03 years before 1st of January 2014 are eligible to undertake this course without undertaking security awareness course and seafarers holding an existing SSO certificate does not required to undergo this training

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standards of competence shall be as per the DGMS approved core syllabus and detailed syllabus.

The training programmes shall comply with STCW Reg.VI/5 Para 4, Sec A-VI/1 Para 4-5 and guidance given in Sec.B-VI/1

- a) An examination and assessment will be conducted by the training institute at the end of the training programme as detailed below.

Subject	Duration of examination	Type of Examination	Pass Mark %
Proficiency in security training for seafarers with Designated security duties	01 hrs	MCQ	60

- b) To be eligible to sit for the final examination candidates shall have 100% of class room attendance

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7.0 Revalidation of Certificates of Proficiencies issued under above sections of the Code

Seafarers qualified under above mentioned sections are required, every 5 years, to provide evidence of having maintained the required standards of competence, to undertake the tasks, duties and responsibilities listed in relevant tables of the STCW Code.

7.1 Summary of short courses which requires refresher and updating every 05 years

	Proficiency in Basic Training	Proficiency in Survival Craft and Rescue Boats other than Fast Rescue Boats	Proficiency in Fast Rescue Boats	Proficiency in Advanced Fire	Proficiency in Medical First Aid	Medical care ¹¹
COP – Watchkeeping Rating	Yes					
COP – Able Seafarer	Yes	Yes	Yes			
COC – operational level deck & engine	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
COC – management level deck & engine	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

¹¹ This is required under MLC 2006.