



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT, TOURISM AND SPORT

APPLICATION FOR AN ABLE SEAFARER (DECK)
CERTIFICATE OF PROFICIENCY IN ACCORDANCE WITH STCW REGULATION II/5

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY:
Able Seafarer Deck Certificate Number:
Application Origin: In Person [ ] By a Representative [ ] By Post [ ]
If by a representative, state name:
Date Received:
Issuing Officer:
Date of Issue:
Distribution Method: By Post [ ] In Person [ ]
Registered Post Number (if by post):
Attach Photograph Here

PLEASE READ THE ATTACHED GUIDANCE NOTES BEFORE COMPLETING THIS FORM

1 DETAILS OF APPLICANT
Tick the Appropriate Box: Mr [ ] Mrs [ ] Ms [ ]
Surname:
Forename(s):
If known by an alternative name or names, please state:
Seafarer's Unique ID Number (if known, see guidance note 5):
Home Address:
Alternative Postal Address:
Phone Number: Mobile Number:
Email Address:
Name of Nominated Contact:
Address of Nominated Contact:
Phone Number of Nominated Contact:

2 PARTICULARS REGARDING CITIZENSHIP
Date of Birth: Country of Birth:
County of Birth (If born in Ireland): Nationality:

3 APPLICANT'S DECLARATION
I certify that:
- I am over 18 years of age,
- the particulars furnished in this application are true,
- the accompanying photographs are photographs of me, and
- I am aware that it is an offence to knowingly or recklessly make a false declaration.
I hereby request that an Able Seafarer (Deck) Certificate of Proficiency be issued to me.
Signature of Applicant:
Note: Please keep signature within the box provided. This signature will be scanned and printed into the certificate being applied for.
Date:

<b>4 DOCUMENTS TO ACCOMPANY YOUR APPLICATION - CHECKLIST</b>		
	<b>For Applicant</b>	<b>For Official Use only</b>
<b>IN ALL CASES:</b>		
A completed application form	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Two photographs, signed on reverse	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Certificate of Proficiency in Personal Survival Techniques (STCW A-VI/1-1)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Certificate of Proficiency in Fire Prevention and Fire Fighting (STCW A-VI/1-2)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Certificate of Proficiency in Elementary First Aid (STCW A-VI/1-3)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Certificate of Proficiency in Personal Safety and Social Responsibilities (STCW A-VI/1-4)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Certificate of Proficiency in Survival Craft and Rescue Boats (other than fast rescue boats)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>PLUS FOR APPLICATIONS WHO WISH TO TRANSITION FROM AN IRISH ILO AB CERTIFICATE (ISSUED PRIOR TO 1<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 2012) TO AN ABLE SEAFARER (DECK) CERTIFICATE OF PROFICIENCY:</b>		
Discharge Book detailing 12 months seagoing service in a relevant capacity in the deck department aboard ships (which are not fishing vessels) of 500GT or more within the five years before 2012.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(ILO) AB Certificate	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>PLUS FOR APPLICANTS WHO DO NOT HOLD AN ILO AB CERTIFICATE:</b>		
Able Seafarer Deck Course Certificate	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Navigational Watch Rating Certificate	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Passport or alternatively an original Birth Certificate and current State photographic ID i.e. Driver's Licence	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Discharge Book detailing 12 months seagoing service in the deck department aboard ships (which are not fishing vessels) of 500GT or more	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
STCW Medical Certificate	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS MAY BE RETURNED UNPROCESSED, BY POST. THEREFORE IN ORDER TO AVOID ANY UNDUE DELAY IN THE PROCESSING OF YOUR APPLICATION, PLEASE ENSURE THAT THE ABOVE CHECKLIST IS ADHERED TO.

**FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY****APPLICATION PASSED**

I confirm that I have examined the identity, training and service documents supplied in support of this application. I hereby certify that the candidate has met the requirements for a Certificate of Proficiency as Able Seafarer (Deck) as outlined under STCW Regulation II/5.

**CERTIFICATE TO BE ISSUED NOW**

Able Seafarer (Deck) Certificate of Proficiency

Examiner's  
Signature:

Date:

*Office Stamp***APPLICATION REJECTED**

I confirm that I have examined the identity, training and service documents supplied in support of this application. I hereby certify that the candidate has **NOT** met the requirements for a Certificate of Proficiency as Able Seafarer (Deck) as outlined under STCW Regulation II/5.

**REASON(S) FOR REJECTION**Examiner's  
Signature:

Date:

*Office Stamp*

## GUIDANCE NOTES

### 1. GENERAL

The Able Seaman Certificate issued prior to 1<sup>st</sup> January 2012 has been replaced by the Able Seafarer (Deck) Certificate of Proficiency.

**Regulation II/5 of the STCW Convention** outlines the mandatory minimum requirements for certification of ratings as able seafarer deck, as follows:

**1** Every able seafarer deck serving on a seagoing ship of 500 gross tonnage or more shall be duly certificated.

**2** Every candidate for certification shall:

- .1** be not less than 18 years of age;
- .2** meet the requirements for certification as a rating forming part of a navigational watch;
- .3** while qualified to serve as a rating forming part of a navigational watch, have approved seagoing service in the deck department of:
  - .3.1** not less than 18 months, or
  - .3.2** not less than 12 months and have completed approved training; and
- .4** meet the standard of competence specified in section a-ii/5 of the STCW CODE.

Holders of an International Labour Organization (ILO) Certificate of qualification as Able Seaman under the *Merchant Shipping Act 1947* will be deemed to have met this standard. ILO AB Certificates are valid until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016. However, holders must complete transition to the Able Seafarer (Deck) Certificate of Proficiency before that date.

This application form may be used by those seafarer's applying to transition from the ILO AB Certificate as well as those seafarers who have not held an ILO AB Certificate, but have completed and passed the Able Seafarers Deck Course in accordance with STCW Regulation II/5.

Holders of ILO AB certificates issued overseas must approach the Administration of the country that issued that certificate to apply for an Able Seafarer (Deck) Certificate.

### 2. LEGIBILITY

All entries (other than where signatures are required) must be made clearly in BLOCK CAPITALS using a black or blue ballpoint pen. Mistakes due to illegible writing cannot be rectified without payment of a further fee.

### 3. PHOTOGRAPHS

Your application must be accompanied by two identical passport-type photographs. The photographs should be taken full face, without a hat, and should be printed on normal photographic paper. The reverse side of each photograph should be signed by you.

### 4. FEE

There is no fee currently payable.

### 5. DETAILS OF APPLICANT (SECTION 1)

#### SEAFARERS UNIQUE ID NUMBER

The Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport are in the process of issuing all seafarers' who hold Irish Seafarer's Discharge Books, Identity Cards, Certificates of Competency, Radio Operator's Certificates and other seafaring qualifications and certificates including Irish Seafarer's Medical Certificates, a Seafarer's Unique ID Number. If this number is known to you, please provide it under Section 1. If this number is not known by you, please leave this field blank. Your unique ID number will be issued to you and printed on the current seafarer's certificate which you are applying for. This number should be quoted on all future communications with this Department.

## **NOMINATED CONTACT**

For data protection purposes your application, or the status of your application, may not be discussed with any other party without your prior consent. Should you envisage another party making inquiries with this Department on your behalf regarding the status of an application submitted by you (i.e. should you be away at sea), then please provide details of that Nominated Contact.

## **6. APPLICATION METHODS**

### **A. By Post**

It is in your interest to use registered post. This Department will not accept responsibility for documents lost in the post. Complete your application form as required, remembering to attach all the supporting documents listed on the checklist provided (see Section 4). Post your application to the Mercantile Marine Office listed under Guidance Note 7.

### **B. In Person**

Complete your application form as required, remembering to include all the supporting documents listed on the checklist provided (see section 4). Call in to our public office detailed below during our public office opening hours:

**Monday – Friday Between 10:00 am – 12:30 pm and 2:00 pm and 4:00 pm**

Application, whether submitted by post or in person will normally be processed and returned by registered post within 10 working days.

## **7. CONTACT DETAILS FOR THE MERCANTILE MARINE OFFICE**

Mercantile Marine Office  
Maritime Services Division,  
Irish Maritime Administration,  
Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport  
Leeson Lane  
Dublin 2  
Ireland

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