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**Directive No. STCW/13**

**ALTERNATIVE CERTIFICATES UNDER STCW CHAPTER VII**

Issued under the enabling power of the Ministerial Resolution 6/2001  
and including STCW 2010 Manila Amendments

**1. Certification under regulation VII – Operation level (II/1 & III/1):**

The applicant shall complete the following:

- 1) (Approved) Workshop training – 12 months (full record maintained);
- 2) Basic training (4 elements of A-VI/1);
- 3) 12 months service in the Deck department (as Deck Cadet) of which 6 months in bridge w/k duties under supervision of a certificated officer (with full record of training);
- 4) 9 months in the Engine department (as Assistant Engineer) of which 6 months under supervision of certificated engineer officer (with full record of training);
- 5) GMDSS-GOC and other Short/ ancillary courses such as CPSC&RB, AFF, MFA etc.
- 6) 6 months School/ College education (preferably 3 months for each discipline) prior to taking examination (course/ syllabus – as stipulated in A-II/1 and A-III/1 respectively). Must also include Radar/ ARPA, ECDIS, BRM etc.
- 7) Final assessment – Examination & Certification.

This puts together well over 39 months of education and training. There is no provision for issue of a certificate under chapter VII for a single discipline. If the officer qualifies for only one discipline (after meeting other requirements for both disciplines) s/he will get a certificate under regulation II or III as appropriate. It is



possible to qualify for the other discipline (within a period of 5 years) and obtain certificate under chapter VII (to replace the certificate for single discipline).

**2. Certification under regulation VII – as Chief Mate & Second Engineer:**

The applicant shall complete the following:

- 1) At least 24 months w/k service (deck and engine equally) as II/1 officer for 12 months and III/1 officer for 12 months;
- 2) 6 months School/ College education (preferably 3 months for each discipline) prior to taking the examination (Course/ syllabus – as stipulated in A-II/2 and A-III/2 respectively). Must include PMC (Proficiency in Medical Care) and an advanced simulation on ARPA, ECDIS & BRM.
- 3) Final assessment – Examination & Certification.

It is possible to obtain certification for any single discipline by meeting the sea-service and training requirement for that discipline. In this case operation level capacity for the other discipline must be shown on the certificate (issued under chapter VII).

**3. Certification under regulation VII – as Master & Chief Engineer:**

Must complete at least 36 months w/k service (deck and engine equally) after obtaining First stage of regulation VII Management level certificate.

It is possible to obtain regulation VII certificate for the capacity of master (also retaining a qualification in the engineering discipline) after serving 24 months as w/k officer in the deck department with First stage of regulation VII Management level certificate.

Similarly it is possible to obtain regulation VII certificate for the capacity of chief engineer (also retaining a qualification in the deck discipline) after serving 24



months as w/k officer in the engine department with First stage of regulation VII Management level certificate.

The capacity, functions and level with limitations, if any, must be very carefully shown without causing any confusion for officers who follow the Alternative training scheme but do not eventually obtain the highest sea-going certificates for both disciplines.

**4. Revision history:**

Revision No. 1 of the present Directive.

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