Summary of requirements

Note: The certificate(s) a seafarer needs to hold depends on the function(s) and level of responsibility held on board. This table is just a guide indicating what are the likely certificates required by rank according to common shipboard work practices. To find out the exact requirement that apply, readers are strongly advised to refer to section 2 in this guide, to the STCW Convention and to the maritime Administrations of both the country issuing the certificate(s) and, if different, of the flag State of the ship where the seafarer intends to work.

			Officers										Ratings														Other
			Deck				Engine						Deck					Engine						Catering			Others
Category	**STCW title**	**2010 amendments**	Master	Chief Officer	Officer of the Watch	Radio Officer	Chief Engineer	Second Engineer	Officer of the Watch	Electro-technical Officer	Electrical Engineer	Cadet (deck/engine)	Bosun	Watch-keeping rating	AB Deck/Integrated	OS/Welder/Mechanic	Deck-boy/trainee	Electro-technical Rating	Pumpman/Motorman	Watch-keeping Rating	AB Engine/Integrated	Electrician Rating	Engine Trainee	Chief Steward/Purser	Cook/2nd Steward	Steward/Messboy	All Personnel providing direct services to passangers
Main Certificate	Certificate of competency	New certificates	◆	◆	◆	A	◆	◆	◆	◆																	
	Certificate of proficiency	New certificates													◆		◆		◆								
	Endorsement	No change	◆	◆	◆		◆	◆	◆	◆																	
	Watch keeping certificate for ratings	No change												◆	◆		◆	◆	◆								
	Endorsement of recognition, foreign flag	No change	◆	◆	◆		◆	◆	◆	◆																	
	Medical fitness	Revised	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
Catering	Certificate of qualification as cook	ILO requirement																							◆		
Basic safety training evidence	Personal survival techniques	No change	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
	Fire fighting	No change	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
	Elementary first aid	No change	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
	Personal safety and social responsibility	No change	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
Familiarisation	Ship specific familiarisation	No change	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
	Security familiarisation	New requirement	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
Personnel assigned with other safety or security functions	Proficiency in survival craft and rescue boat	Five year refresher	◆	◆	◆	D	◆	◆	◆	D			◆		◆												
	Fast rescue boat	Five year refresher	D	D	D		D	D	D				D		D												
	Advance fire fighting	Five year refresher	D	D	D		D	D	D																		
	Medical first aid	Guidance update			◆		◆	◆	◆																		
	Medical care	Guidance update	◆	◆																							
	Ship security officer	New requirement	D	D			D	D																			
	Security awareness or security training	New requirement	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D
ARPA RADAR GMDSS	ARPA (if fitted)	No change	◆	◆	◆																						
	Radar	No change	◆	◆	◆																						
	GMDSS-ROC or GOC	No change	◆	◆	◆	◆																					
Personnel on tankers cargo operations	Basic training on oil and chemical tankers	New format	◆	◆	◆		◆	◆	◆	◆			◆		◆	D			◆		◆						
	Advanced training for oil tankers	New format	◆	◆	D		◆	◆	D				D						D								
	Advanced training for chemical tankers	New format	◆	◆	D		◆	◆	D				D						D								
	Basic training on oil & chemical tankers for ratings	New format											◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆						
	Basic training for officers on liquefied gas tankers	New format	◆	◆	◆		◆	◆	◆	◆																	
	Basic training for ratings on liquefied gas tankers	New format	◆	◆	◆		◆	◆	◆	◆																	
	Advanced training for liquefied gas tankers	New format	◆	◆	D		◆	◆	D				D						D								
Personnel on passenger ships	Crowd management	No change	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D				D	D	D			D	D	D	D
	Safety training	Amended																								◆	◆
	Passenger safety	No change	◆	◆			◆	◆																			D
	Crisis management & human behaviour	No change	◆	◆			◆	◆																			D
Training	Training record book	No change	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆

Key: *= compulsory requirement; D = if designated with specific function; A = radio operator on non GMDSS ship needs to hold a certificate. Training records must now be kept by all crew if they wish to be claim dispensation from the 5 yearly refresher on safety training etc but may not require a record book in all case.