



Maritime and Coastguard Agency

MIN 331 (M)

Written examination dates 2008/09: Deck and Engineer Officers (Merchant Navy)

Notice to all Owners, Masters, Officers and Seafarers in the Merchant Navy and to those involved in Maritime Training.

This notice replaces MIN 294(M) from 1 September 2008.

This notice expires 31 August 2009.

PLEASE NOTE:-

Where this document provides guidance on the law it should not be regarded as definitive. The way the law applies to any particular case can vary according to circumstances - for example, from vessel to vessel and you should consider seeking independent legal advice if you are unsure of your own legal position.

Summary

This notice sets out the written examination dates for Merchant Navy Certificates of Competency for the academic year commencing 1 September 2008.

1. Introduction/ Background

- 1.1 The Annex to this notice sets out the pattern of written examinations for Certificates of Competency to be held in the academic year commencing 1 September 2008. The dates have been arranged following consultation with various representative organisations of the shipping industry. The examinations are administered by the Scottish Qualifications Authority (**SQA**), with the exception of the Officer in Charge of the Engineering Watch (III/1) which is administered by the International Association of Maritime Institutions (**IAMI**), on behalf of the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (**MCA**) and are held at their examination centres.
- 1.2 All oral examinations are conducted by the Agency's Examiners at MCA Marine Offices on an appointment basis.
- 1.3 Following the introduction of certificates issued under STCW* education and training will follow the Vocational Qualification (**VQ**) or examination route to certification as detailed below:

Deck Department

- a) Officer in Charge of a Navigational Watch <500gt near-coastal (STCW Reg. II/3)
- b) Officer in Charge of a Navigational Watch unlimited (STCW Reg. II/1)
- c) Chief Mate > 3000gt near-coastal (STCW Reg. II/2)
- d) Master or Chief Mate unlimited (STCW Reg. II/2)

Engineering Department

- e) Officer in Charge of an Engineering Watch (STCW Reg. III/1)
- f) Second Engineer Officer < 3000 kW (STCW Reg. III/3)
- g) Second Engineer Officer unlimited (STCW Reg. III/2)
- h) Chief Engineer Officer unlimited (STCW Reg. III/2)

* International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping 1978, as amended, (**STCW**)

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ANNEX

DATES OF SQA/MCA DECK AND ENGINEER OFFICER EXAMINATIONS FOR CERTIFICATES OF COMPETENCY (EXAMINATION ROUTE) FROM 1 SEPTEMBER 2008 - 31 AUGUST 2009
- MERCHANT NAVY

Month	Exam Start Date	Deck Officer				Engineer Officer						
		Chief Mate/ Master Unlimited (II/2)	Chief Mate > 3000gt Near Coastal (II/2)	Officer in Charge of Navigational Watch Unlimited (II/1)	Officer in Charge of Navigational Watch < 500gt Near Coastal (II/3)	Chief Engineer Unlimited (III/2)	Second Engineer Unlimited (III/2)	Second Engineer < 3000kW (III/3)	Officer in Charge of Engineering Watch (III/1) Engineering Knowledge General Engineering Science			
2008	No examinations											
September	Friday 3 rd											
October	Tuesday 7 th			X							X	
October	Monday 13 th							X				X
October	Tuesday 25 th								X			
November	Thursday 27 th	X										
November	Friday 5 th			X								
December	Monday 8 th							X				X
December	Tuesday 9 th									X		
2009	No examinations											
January	No examinations											
February	Tuesday 17 th			X								
March	Friday 27 th											
March	Monday 30 th							X			X	
March	Tuesday 31 st	X								X		
April	No examinations											
May	No examinations											
June	No examinations											
July	Tuesday 7 th						X					
July	Friday 10 th											
July	Monday 13 th	X						X			X	
July	Tuesday 14 th											
July	Wednesday 15 th			X								
August	No examinations											

