



Bureau Veritas - Marine Division - Training Solutions

STCW 95 CONVENTION & CODE

COURSE CONTENT

Since the entry in force, on 1st February 1997, of the amended Convention and Code of the Seafarer's training, certification and watch-keeping (STCW 95), the role of the parties involved and the mechanism for the certification and the maintenance of the seafarer competency have changed.

Why these changes? Because the previous Convention (STCW 78) did not contain precise standards of competence nor guarantees to ensure it enforcement and did not have sufficient flexibility to meet industry's needs for the 21st. century.

STCW Code in IMO Resolutions recognizes the need for an international minimum standard of competence appropriate to achieve and maintain high standards of safety and environmental protection. The main provisions of the 1995 Convention are as follows:

- Define unified standards of competence
- Specify the methods of endorsement of national and foreign certificates
- Specify the information regarding the coastal trade regulations
- Determine the methods of control which now clearly include safety teams
- Handle a record of certificates (by the Administration) in accordance with quality criteria
- Determine the responsibility of each party involved in the certification and the maintenance of the seafarer competence.

Flag State is obliged to accept responsibility for checking the competence of national and foreign seafarers serving on their ships and may request company to disembark seafarer holding an inappropriate certificate. Port State Control inspections cover all aspects of ISM Code and STCW 95 Convention.

Port State Control inspections may lead a ship to be detained in the port until the deficiencies identified are corrected to the satisfaction of the Port State Control Officer.

In regard to the requirements of the STCW Code, what are the requirements for the certification of the competence of the seafarers? What are the responsibilities and authority of my company? What are the responsibilities of the masters and the seamen? How to deal with Flag State and Port State Control? What are the responsibilities of the marine school, training centre and manning agency? This training will answer to these questions.

KEY LEARNING AREAS

- The requirements of the STCW 95 Convention and Code
- The explicit responsibilities and implicit obligations of the company
- The role and responsibilities of the marine school, training centre and manning agency
- The links with ISM Code
- How to be prepare for a Port State Control



Proposed Duration ■ Half day to 1 day depending on the requirement of the company

Who should attend ■ Fleet managers, Manning managers, Designated persons, Masters, Ship officers and others.

Complementary training courses ■ ISM Code



