

Recognition of certificates of competency and certificates of proficiency issued by another state for serving onboard ships flying Romanian flag

The recognition of certificates of competency and certificates of proficiency issued by another maritime authorities for serving onboard ships flying Romanian flag shall be only upon a recognition protocol for the STCW Convention's signatory states or in accordance with the provisions of the Order 1252/2014 which transposes: provisions of art. 3 point 2,3 and 5 of EC Directive no. 45/2005 for the reciprocal recognition of the certificates of competency issued by the member states and for the amending of the EC Directive no. 25/2001; and the EC Directive no. 106/2008 for the minimum level of training of seafarers, as amended by EC Directive no. 35/2012.

It shall be not recognized the certificates of proficiency/competency issued by/or under a state authority which is not part of the STCW Convention.

It shall not be accepted as recognition basis, the recognition endorsements issued before, in accordance to Regulation I/10, by an administration or maritime authority of another state part to the STCW Convention.

The recognition of the certificate of competency/proficiency is attested by the issuing of a recognition endorsement, upon the following documents:

- personal request (see the printed form) written and signed by the applicant through which he assumes full responsibility for the authenticity and legality of the submitted documents;
- valid certificate of competency/proficiency;
- valid GMDSS certificate (in case it's a separate document);
- valid attesting endorsement of the certificate of competency/proficiency (where appropriate);
- identification document;
- **request from a shipping company or a company operating ships flying Romanian flag;**
- 2 pictures $\frac{3}{4}$ (or in electronic format);
- Valid psychologically - medical visit for the position held;
- the applicant's signature (or in electronic format);

The request and the documents will be presented at the Examination and STCW Confirmation, Training Providers and Crewing Agencies Authorization Department (or electronically sent to rna@rna.ro or examinare@rna.ro).

The designated person verifies if:

- the request is appropriately filled in;
- the attached documents are authentic and are the same as those mentioned in the printed request;
- there is a recognition protocol of certificates of competency/proficiency signed between RNA and the administration or the state's maritime authority, as appropriate.

If the result of the preliminary verifications is a positive one, it shall be requested by fax or by email to the maritime administration from the state that issued the original certificate of competency/proficiency, the confirmation of authenticity of the documents submitted by the applicant.

During verifications, EC STCW AFFP AC department shall take the necessary measures in order to ensure the level of knowledge in the field of national maritime law for the personnel holding the certificates of competency for managerial level which shall be achieved through:

- completion of an approved course for maritime law (through an education institution, an approved training or retraining form) or,
- evaluation of legislation knowledge, using tests containing multiple questions and answers

In order to evaluate the knowledge of the relevant national legislation for the issuing of the recognition certificate for seafarers at managerial level, an evaluation commission is chosen through a Decision of the General Director. The evaluation papers are drawn as multiple questions and answers and the minimum score for promotion is 70% (7 grade).

After fulfilling all the above-mentioned conditions and receiving of confirmation of authenticity and validity of documents, it shall be proposed the request's approval or rejection.

Romanian Naval Authority is completely cooperating with European Union's member states administrations and with other states with whom has signed recognition protocols in accordance with STCW Convention and offers, by request, all the relevant information regarding distinct situations, in compliance with data protection norms and with the legislation regarding the protection of personal data and respecting the confidentiality obligation.