



ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

MARITIME ADMINISTRATION

CIRCULAR N° STCW 009

TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR SEAFARERS SAILING ON PASSENGER SHIPS

TO: **SHIPOWNERS, SHIPS' OPERATORS AND
MANAGING COMPANIES, MASTERS, FLAG STATE'S
SURVEYORS AND RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATIONS**

APPLICABLE TO: MASTERS, OFFICERS, RATINGS AND OTHER
PERSONNEL EMPLOYED OR ENGAGED ON
PASSENGER SHIPS

EFFECTIVE AS FROM: 1st July 2018

9th August 2018

1. General

Amendments to the STCW Convention and the STCW Code set a new requirement for training and emergency familiarization of crew members on passenger ships, effective from 1st July 2018. It is particularly required that all personnel should undergo a relevant training before being assigned to shipboard duties.

2. Regulation V/2 Passenger Ships Training

The revised STCW Convention requires that masters, officers, ratings and other personnel employed or engaged on board passenger ships should meet the mandatory minimum requirements for training and certification. The amendments introduced the requirement for passenger training and familiarization to other personnel providing direct service to passengers on board passenger ships.

3. Familiarization

All persons, other than passengers, employed or engaged on board passenger ships should complete emergency familiarization training appropriate to their capacity, duties and responsibilities as specified in section A-V/2, paragraph 1 of the STCW Code.

4. Safety Training

Personnel providing direct service to passengers in passenger spaces onboard passenger ships will have to complete the additional safety training as specified in section A-V/2, paragraph 2 of the STCW Code.

5. Certificate in Crowd Management

Seafarers who are designated on the Muster List to assist passengers in emergency situations on board passenger ships should complete approved training in crowd management, as specified in section A-V/2, paragraph 3 of the STCW Code.

6. Certificate in Crisis Management and Human Behaviour

Seafarers who have designated responsibilities on the Muster List for the safety of passengers in emergency situations should complete an approved training in crisis management and human behaviour, as specified in section A-V/2, paragraph 4 of the STCW Code.

7. Certificate in Passenger Safety, Cargo Safety and Hull Integrity

Each person assigned with an immediate responsibility for embarking and disembarking passengers, for loading, discharging or securing cargo, or for closing hull openings on board RO-RO passenger ships, should complete an approved training in passenger safety, cargo safety and hull integrity, as specified in section A-V/2, paragraph 5 of the STCW Code.

8. Refresher Training

Masters, officers, ratings and other personnel, who are required to be trained in crowd management, crisis management and human behaviour and passenger safety, cargo safety and hull integrity should, at intervals not exceeding five (5) years, undertake appropriate refresher training or be required to provide evidence of having achieved the required standard of competence within the previous five (5) years.