

Summary of Amendments

RT Determinations (2024)

River Trade Certificates of Competency and Type Rating Certificates for Deck Officers’ Determinations (2024 Edition)	
[previous: Certificates of Competency and Licences For Deck Officers’ Determination (2012 Edition)]	
No	Amendments
1.	to change to new title: River Trade Certificates of Competency and Type Rating Certificates for Deck Officers’ Determinations (2024 Edition)
2.	edition changes: cover page, inside page and page i, to change “2012 edition” to “2024 edition”
3.	Form number changes: to change M.O. 840 to MD 714
4.	<p>Chapter 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Para 1.2: to insert new interpretations of : river trade certificate of competency, certificate of proficiency, coastal-going ship, licence, master, chief mate, month, propulsion power, river trade service, seagoing service, sea service, STCW Code and STCW Regulation; amend “pleasure craft” to “Pleasure vessel”; delete “Certificate of competency” and “Chemical Tanker” - Para 1.3.2: to delete this obsolete para - Para 1.4: to delete this obsolete para
5.	<p>Chapter 2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to change the chapter title to “General Provision” - to delete all obsolete sentences for seagoing certificate - to replace the para 2.3 by new 2.3 for medical fitness certificate - to insert new para 2.7.3: - <i>Notwithstanding the sea services requirements stipulated in paragraphs 2.16.2, 3.3.1(c), 3.4.1(b) and 3.5.1(a), the applicant can sit for the examination upon completing two third (2/3) required sea service set down in this Determination for each class of river trade certificate of competency. However, in order to attain the certificate of competency (deck officer) (river trade), he ought to have fulfilled sea service requirement.</i> - to insert new para 2.16.2: - <i>In case of a candidate has passed the examination under the arrangement in paragraph 2.7.3 (i.e. permission to sit the examination after obtained two third (2/3) sea service), the examination result will be recorded in MD, the certificate of competency (deck officer) (river trade) will be issued upon the sufficient sea service being obtained.</i> - to insert new para 2.19:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2.19 <i>Holder of seagoing certificate of competency serving on coastal-going ships</i> 2.19.1 <i>Candidates shall apply for and obtain river trade class endorsement prior to serving on coastal-going ships operating within the river trade limits.</i>

	<i>A company letter proving the candidate is employed by a river trade vessel operator shall be produced as an evidence for the application.</i>
6.	<p>Chapter 3:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to change chapter title to “Sea Service” - to delete obsolete seagoing para 3.2 and its sub-para, the numbering of next para to be changed accordingly - to delete obsolete para 3.3.8
7.	<p>Chapter 4:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to change chapter title to “Particulars of additional and subsidiary qualifications” - to delete the obsolete para 4.1 and 4.2, 4.8, to change para numbering for next paras accordingly - to insert new para 4.3.3:- 4.3.3 According the HSCCC Paper No.: 1/2013, the above 5-yearly refresher course requirements in paragraph 4.1.2, 4.2.2 and 4.3.2 for evidence of having maintained the required standard of competence as same as seagoing seafarers be waived for the river trade seafarers, provided that the following conditions are met with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For any river trade rating: has HSC shipboard service record for at least an accumulative period of 12 months during every 5-year period counting from the issuance date of the rating’s most recent valid safety training record; - For any officer holding river trade certificate of competency: holds a valid TRC (Master, C/O, NVO, or Engineer). River trade seafarers who fail to provide evidence of meeting above conditions, need to complete a refresher course, or hold valid Certificates of Proficiency described in above. The completion of refresher course at the time over 5 years after his initial training is acceptable.
8.	<p>Chapter 5: to delete obsolete Chapter 5 (seagoing)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to renumbering the para to “6.xx.xx” - to insert new para 6.7 for “Exemptions” by copy the existing arrangement for seagoing examination exemptions
9.	<p>Chapter 6:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to change “Chapter 6 River trade certificate qualification requirements” to “Chapter 5 qualification requirements” - to renumber the paras to “5.xx.xx”
10.	Chapter 7: to change “Chapter 7 Seagoing and River trade certificate examination procedures” to “Chapter 6 examination procedures”
11.	<p>Chapter 8:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to change “Chapter 8” to “Chapter 7” - to delete the obsolete para 8.1 to 8.3 for seagoing certificate, and renumbering next para to 7.1 to 7.3 - to change the pass mark from 90% to 70% for proficiency in communication Oral/Practical examination
12.	<p>Chapter 9:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to change “Chapter 9” to “Chapter 8”

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to delete obsolete 9.3 to 9.5 for seagoing examinations, to renumber the next paras accordingly to 8.3, 8.4, 8.5
13.	Chapter 10, Chapter 11: to delete the obsolete Chapter 10 and 11 for seagoing licence and endorsement of DG
14.	<p>Chapter 12:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to change “Chapter 12” to “Chapter 9”, and to renumber the paras to “9.xx.xx” - to insert new para 9.2.1: <i>9.2.1 (d) (ii) According the HSCCC Paper No. 1/2013, the above STCW 5-yearly refresher course requirements for seagoing seafarers be waived for the river trade seafarers, provided that the following conditions are met with:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>For any river trade rating: has HSC shipboard service record for at least an accumulative period of 12 months during every 5-year period counting from the issuance date of the rating’s most recent valid safety training record;</i> - <i>For any officer holding river trade certificate of competency: holds a valid TRC (Master, C/O, NVO, or Engineer).</i> <i>River trade seafarers who fail to provide evidence of meeting sub-para (d) (ii), need to complete a refresher course, or hold valid Certificates of Proficiency described in above.</i> - to insert new alternative occupations (assistance surveyor of ships, assistant marine officers) into para 9.2.2 - to insert new para 9.3 for revalidation of expired CoC, which is copied from the determinations for seagoing CoC
15.	Chapter 13:- to change “Chapter 13” to “Chapter 11”, and to renumber the paras to “11.xx.xx”
16.	Appendix I:- to delete Forms 1 and 2, to change Form 3 to Form 1
17.	Appendix II:- to insert new “Appendix II Sea service testimonial”

River Trade Certificates of Competency and Type Rating Certificates for Marine Engineer Officers' Determinations (2024 Edition)

[Previous : Certificates of Competency and Licence for Marine Engineer Officers and Electro-technical Officers Determinations (2012 Edition)]

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1.	to change to new title: River Trade Certificates of Competency and Type Rating Certificates for Deck Officers' Determinations (2024 Edition)
2.	edition changes: cover page, inside page and page i / to change 2012 to 2024. Clear all history edition in the contents.
3.	Form number changes: to change M.O. 841 to MD 715
4.	Chapter 1: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Para 1.2: to insert new interpretations of: master, month, propulsion power, river trade service, seagoing service, sea service, STCW Code and STCW Regulation; amend "pleasure craft" to "Pleasure vessel"; delete "Chemical Tanker" - Para 1.3.2: to delete this obsolete para - Para 1.4: to delete this obsolete para
5.	Chapter 2: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to change the chapter title to "General Provision" - to delete all obsolete sentences for seagoing certificate - to insert new para 2.7.3: - <i>Notwithstanding the sea services requirements stipulated in paras 2.16.2, 3.3.1(c), 3.4.1(b) and 3.5.1(a), the applicant can sit for the examination upon completing two third required sea service set down in this Determination for each class of river trade certificate of competency. However, in order to attain the certificate of competency (marine engineer officer) (river trade), he ought to have fulfilled sea service requirement</i> - to insert new para 2.16.2: - <i>In case of a candidate has passed the examination under the arrangement in paragraph 2.7.3 (i.e. permission to sit the examination after obtained two third (2/3) sea service), the examination result will be recorded in MD, the certificate of competency (marine engineer officer) (river trade) will be issued upon the sufficient sea service being obtained</i>
6.	Chapter 3: to delete the obsolete chapter (seagoing certificate)
7.	Chapter 4: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to change the "Chapter 4" to "Chapter 3", and change all the numbering of paras from "4.xx.xx" to "3.xx.xx" - to insert new para 3.10:- 3.10 <i>Holder of seagoing Certificate of Competency serving on coastal-going ships</i> 3.10.1 <i>candidates shall apply for and obtain river trade class endorsement prior to serving on coastal-going ships operating within the river trade area. A company letter proving the candidate is employed by a coastal-going ships operator shall be produced as an evidence for the application.</i> - to insert a new "Part III - Examinations and Exemptions" (new para 3.11 to 3.16), by moving existing para 6.3, 6.8, and para 3.40 and 3.41

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to change the number of existing “Part III” to “Part IV”, to change the para number from 4.8, 4.9, 4.10 to 3.17, 3.18, 3.21 - to insert new para 3.18(c)(ii): - <i>“3.18(c)(ii) According the HSCCC Paper No.: 1/2013 (https://www.mardep.gov.hk/filemanager/en/share/aboutus/pdf/hsgccc/hsgccc_p012013.pdf), the above STCW 5-yearly refresher course requirements for seagoing seafarers be waived for the river trade seafarers, provided that the following conditions are met with:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>For any river trade rating: has HSC shipboard service record for at least an accumulative period of 12 months during every 5-year period counting from the issuance date of the rating’s most recent valid safety training record;</i> - <i>For any officer holding river trade certificate of competency: holds a valid TRC (Master, C/O, NVO, or Engineer).</i> <i>River trade seafarers who fail to provide evidence of meeting sub-para (c) (ii), need to complete a refresher course, or hold valid Certificates of Proficiency described in above.”</i> - to insert new paras 3.19, 3.20, 3.22, 3.23. 3.24, 3.25, 3.26 by copy the seagoing CoC revalidation arrangement for alternative occupations and expired seagoing CoC
8.	Chapter 5: to delete the obsolete chapter (seagoing certificates)
9.	Chapter 6: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to change the “Chapter 6” to “Chapter 4”, and to change all numbering of paras from “6.xx.xx” to “4.xx.xx” - to move para 6.3 and 6.8 to chapter 3, and the numberings of next paras are to be changed accordingly
10.	Chapter 7: to delete the obsolete chapter
11.	Chapter 8: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to change the “Chapter 8” to “Chapter 5”, and to change para numbering from “8.xx.xx” to “5.xx.xx”
12.	Appendix I: to delete the obsolete Form 2 (service for endorsement of dangerous cargo operation)