

Marine Notice No. 06 of 2017

Notice to all Seafarers, Fishers, Students, Training Providers, Shipowners and Fishing Vessel Owners

Training Course Statutory Certification in Ireland

**Directive 2008/106/EC of the Parliament and the Council on the minimum level of training of seafarers (recast) ([Directive](#))¹ as amended by [Directive](#) 2012/35/EU².
European Union (Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers) Regulation 2014 ([S.I. 242 of 2014](#))**

The Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport is the competent authority for the approval of statutory maritime training in Ireland under both EU and Irish law. The Marine Survey Office of the Department carries out this function on behalf of the Minister.

Those undertaking maritime training in Ireland should ensure that any course, undertaken by them which leads to certification, is approved by and complies with the statutory certification issued by the competent authority.

Specifically, IMO STCW courses, including short courses, carried out in Ireland may only be approved by the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport. Candidates for seafarer and fisher certification should be aware that the Department will only accept certificates issued by training providers approved by the competent authority for training carried out in Ireland. EU mutual recognition applies to certificates issued in other EU/EEA states for training approved by and carried out under the conditions set down by the competent authorities in those Member States.

Ship owners, fishing vessel owners and those employing seafarers and fishers should ensure that crew whose training was carried out in Ireland hold appropriate certification issued under the authority of the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport.

A holder of a certificate which is not valid, serving on a vessel, may adversely affect the certification of that vessel. Such vessels on inspection, may be subject to enforcement action for non-compliance with statutory requirements.

¹ of 19 November 2008 (OJ L 323, 3.12.2008, p. 33)

² of 21 November 2012 (OJ No. L 343, 14.12.2012, p.78)

The Department publishes a full list of approved training providers. Seafarers, fishers, employers and others should consult this list on the recently launched Departmental website: <https://www.seafarers.ie/>.

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