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**THE SHIPPING (CERTIFICATES OF COMPETENCY AS A.B.)
REGULATIONS 1954**

C. W. M. NORRIE, Governor-General
ORDER IN COUNCIL

At the Government House at Wellington this 6th day of October 1954

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL IN COUNCIL

PURSUANT to the Shipping and Seamen Act 1952, His Excellency the Governor-General, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, hereby makes the following regulations.

REGULATIONS

1. (1) These regulations may be cited as the Shipping (Certificates of Competency as A.B.) Regulations 1954.

(2) Except where these regulations otherwise provide, these regulations shall come into force on the 1st day of May 1955.

2. In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires,—

“Certificate of competency” means a certificate of competency as A.B. granted under these regulations:

“Examiner” means an examiner appointed for the purposes of these regulations:

“Month of qualifying service” means a month of qualifying service calculated under regulation 10 of these regulations:

“Qualifying service”, in relation to any person, means service which he is entitled to reckon as qualifying service in accordance with the provisions of regulation 10 of these regulations:

“Registrar” means the Registrar of Seamen appointed under section 12 of the Shipping and Seamen Act 1952.

3. (1) For the purposes of subsection (1) of section 51 of the Shipping and Seamen Act 1952, the prescribed date, after which a seaman engaged in any New Zealand ship or in any home trade ship (whether a New Zealand ship or not) shall not be rated as an A.B. unless he is the holder of a certificate of competency, shall be the 30th day of April 1955.

(2) For the purposes of subsection (2) of section 51 of the Shipping and Seamen Act 1952, the prescribed date, after which a Superintendent or other officer before whom a seaman is engaged in any New Zealand ship or in any home trade ship (whether a New Zealand ship or not) shall refuse to enter the seaman as A.B. on the agreement with the crew unless the seaman produces a certificate of competency or such other proof that he is the holder of such a certificate as may appear to the Superintendent or other officer to be satisfactory, shall be the 30th day of April 1955.

(3) For the purpose of subsection (3) of section 51 of the Shipping and Seamen Act 1952, the prescribed date as from which subsections (1) to (3) of section 51 of the Shipping and Seamen Act 1908, as amended by section 9 of the Shipping and Seamen Amendment Act 1909, shall cease to have effect in relation to any seamen for the time being engaged in a New Zealand ship or any home trade ship (whether a New Zealand ship or not) shall be the 1st day of May 1955.

4. (1) Subject to the provisions of regulation 5 of these regulations, a certificate of competency shall not be granted to any person unless,—

- (a) He has attained the age of eighteen years; and
- (b) Subject to the provisions of this subclause, he has performed thirty-six months of qualifying service at sea in a deck rating, of which not less than nine months have been performed in ships, other than fishing boats, having a gross tonnage of 100 tons or more; and
- (c) He has passed an examination in the subjects specified in the syllabus set out in the First Schedule to these regulations; and
- (d) He is the holder of a certificate of efficiency as lifeboatman issued by or under the authority of the Minister; and
- (e) Subject to the provisions of this subclause he has, otherwise than for the purpose of receiving instruction therein, taken turns at the wheel in steering a ship (being a ship, other than a fishing boat, having a gross tonnage of 100 tons or more) for periods amounting in the aggregate to not less than ten hours:

Provided that where a person produces from the persons in charge satisfactory certificates in respect of his attendance and training at a course of pre-sea training in any of the training ships or training schools specified in any regulations made in any Commonwealth country other than New Zealand for the issue of certificates of competency as A.B., the period of thirty-six months of qualifying service at sea required by paragraph (b) of this subclause shall be reduced by one month for each period of four weeks attendance and training at any such ship or school, subject in the case of any person to a maximum reduction of six months.

(2) Any person who complies with the conditions referred to in subclause (1) of this regulation shall be entitled to the grant of a certificate of competency.

5. Notwithstanding that he has not complied with the conditions referred to in regulation 4 of these regulations, a person who proves by his certificates of discharge or by a certificate of service issued by the Registrar that he was, on or before the commencement of these regulations, serving as an A.B. or in an equivalent or superior deck rating, in a ship for which an agreement with the crew was required under Part II of the Shipping and Seamen Act 1952, shall be entitled to the grant of a certificate of competency.

6. (1) Any person who under the preceding provisions of these regulations is entitled to the grant thereof, may make an application for the grant of a certificate of competency.

(2) Every such application shall be made at a Mercantile Marine Office in such one of the forms Exn. 35 or Exn. 36 set out in the Second Schedule to these regulations as is applicable to the case, and shall embody such particulars and declarations and shall be accompanied by such certificates and other documents as are required by that form.

(3) Every such application duly completed shall be lodged with the Superintendent of the Mercantile Marine Office who shall consider the application and shall,—

(a) If satisfied that the applicant is entitled to the grant thereof, cause a certificate of competency to be issued to the applicant on payment of the prescribed fee and shall return to the applicant all certificates and other documents which accompanied his form of application; or

(b) If not so satisfied, return to the applicant the form of application, together with all certificates and other documents which accompanied the form, and inform the applicant in writing of the grounds on which his application is refused.

(4) A fee of 1s. shall be payable in respect of a certificate of competency issued under this regulation.

7. (1) Any person who has complied with the conditions referred to in paragraphs (a), (b), (d), and (e) of regulation 4 (1) of these regulations shall be entitled to make an application to be examined for the purpose of complying with the condition referred to in paragraph (c) of the said regulation 4 (1) and for the grant, should he pass the examination, of a certificate of competency.

(2) Every such application shall be made at a Mercantile Marine Office in the form Exn. 37 set out in the Second Schedule to these regulations, and shall embody such particulars and declarations and shall be accompanied by such certificates and other documents as are required by that form.

(3) Every such application duly completed shall be lodged with the Superintendent of the Mercantile Marine Office who shall consider the application, and shall,—

- (a) If satisfied that the applicant is eligible to make the application, forward the form of application to an examiner, notify the applicant in due course of the arrangements made for his examination, and return to him all certificates and other documents which accompanied his form of application; or
 - (b) If not so satisfied, return to the applicant the form of application, together with all certificates and other documents which accompanied that form, and inform the applicant in writing of the grounds on which his application is refused.
- (4) On completion of every examination, the examiner shall inform the applicant in writing of the result thereof and shall record the result on his form of application in the manner indicated and return the form to the Superintendent, who shall, in the case of an applicant who has passed the examination, cause a certificate of competency to be issued to him on payment of a fee of 1s.

8. (1) If a certificate of competency is lost or destroyed, the holder thereof shall forthwith notify the Registrar, who, if satisfied that it has been so lost or destroyed shall, on payment of a fee of 1s., issue a copy of the certificate of competency (so marked) which shall have the same effect as the certificate of competency originally issued:

Provided that in the case of any certificate of competency which has been lost and is subsequently recovered the certificate of competency shall be returned forthwith to the Registrar.

(2) A fee of 1s. shall be paid for each copy of a certificate of competency issued in replacement of one which has been lost or destroyed otherwise than in consequence of the wreck or loss of a ship or of a fire on board ship.

9. (1) Subject to the provisions of this regulation, any person who—

- (a) Has attained the age of eighteen years; and
- (b) Has otherwise than for the purpose of receiving instruction therein, taken turns at the wheel in steering a ship (being a ship, other than a fishing boat, having a gross tonnage of 100 tons or more) for periods amounting in the aggregate to not less than ten hours; and
- (c) Has performed twelve months of qualifying service at sea in a deck rating of which not less than three months have been performed in ships, other than fishing boats, having a gross tonnage of 100 tons or more,—

shall be entitled to make an application to be examined for the purpose of complying with the condition referred to in paragraph (c) of regulation 4 (1) of these regulations.

(2) Every such application shall be made at a Mercantile Marine Office in the form Exn. 38 set out in the Second Schedule to these regulations, and shall embody such particulars and declarations and shall be accompanied by such certificates and other documents as are required by that form.

(3) Every such application duly completed shall be lodged with the Superintendent of the Mercantile Marine Office, who shall consider the application and shall,—

- (a) If satisfied that the applicant is eligible to make the application, forward the form of application to an examiner, notify the applicant in due course of the arrangements made for his examination, and return to him all certificates and other documents which accompanied his form of application; or
- (b) If not so satisfied, return to the applicant the form of application, together with all certificates and other documents which accompanied that form, and inform the applicant in writing of the grounds on which his application is refused.

(4) On completion of every examination the examiner shall inform the applicant in writing of the result thereof and shall record the result on his form of application in the manner indicated and return the form to the Superintendent.

10. (1) A person shall be entitled to reckon as qualifying service for the purposes of paragraph (b) of subclause (1) of regulation 4 and of paragraph (c) of subclause (1) of regulation 9 of these regulations, subject to the provisions thereof, all periods of service at sea in a deck rating in ships (being ships having a gross tonnage of 15 tons or more) calculated in accordance with the subsequent provisions of this regulation.

(2) Subject to the provisions of this subclause, every period of such service shall be calculated separately from the date of commencement to the date of termination thereof:

Provided that where any period of service in a ship having a gross tonnage of 100 tons or more is followed immediately by a period of service in any of such ships or where any period of service in a ship having a gross tonnage of less than 100 tons is followed immediately by a period of service in another such ship, the said periods shall be treated as one continuous period, and for the purposes of this proviso a period of service shall be deemed to follow immediately upon another period of service if the later period commences not later than the day following the termination of the earlier period.

(3) For the purpose of calculating the total number of months of qualifying service in respect of any person,—

- (a) Every completed calendar month comprised in a period of service in a ship having a gross tonnage of 100 tons or more shall count as one month of qualifying service, and every day by which a period of service exceeds the number of calendar months comprised therein or where the whole period of service is less than a calendar month every day of service shall count as one-thirtieth of a month of qualifying service; and

- (b) Every completed calendar month comprised in a period of service in a ship having a gross tonnage of less than 100 tons shall count as one half of a month of qualifying service, and every day by which a period of service exceeds the number of calendar months comprised therein or where the whole period of service is less than a calendar month every day of service shall count as one-sixtieth of a month of qualifying service.

SCHEDULES

FIRST SCHEDULE

Reg. 4 (1) (c)

SYLLABUS FOR EXAMINATION FOR RATING OF ABLE SEAMAN

Nautical Knowledge

- (1) The meaning of common nautical terms.
- (2) The names and functions of various parts of the ship (e.g., decks, compartments, ballast tanks, strum boxes, etc.).
- (3) Knowledge of the compass and ability to report the approximate bearing of an object in terms of points on the bow.
- (4) Understanding helm orders.
- (5) Reading, streaming, and hauling in a patent log.
- (6) Markings on a hand lead line, taking a cast of the hand lead, and correctly reporting the soundings obtained.
- (7) The patent sounding machine; how to rig it and take a cast.
- (8) Ship cleanliness and personal hygiene.

*Practical Work**(To be tested so far as possible by practical demonstrations)*

- (9) Knots in common use. Hitches, bends, etc., in common use. Whipping a rope's end. Finishing off the end of a heaving line by a wall and crown knot or other simple method. Putting a stopper on a hawser or derrick lift. Putting on a seizing.
- (10) Splicing. Manila rope. Eye splice, short splice, long splice, and back splice. Wire rope. Eye splice and cut splice. (Demonstration of the cut splice will not be required.)
- (11) Reeving a boat's fall or luff tackle.
- (12) Slings a stage and rigging a boatswain's chair.
- (13) How to steer.
- (14) Rigging a derrick. Driving a winch, engaging and disengaging gears and their use. General precautions to be taken before and during operation of a winch whether used for working cargo or for warping.
- (15) The use and operation of a windlass in anchor work and in warping. Stowage of chain cable in the chain locker and securing the anchor for sea.
- (16) A knowledge of the gear used in cargo work and an understanding of its uses. General maintenance with special reference to the overhauling of gin blocks and guy blocks.
- (17) The safe handling of hatch covers; battening down and securing a hatchway.
- (18) Use, care, and maintenance of lifesaving appliances.

Boat Work

- (19) A candidate shall be required to satisfy the examiner that—
 - (a) He understands and can carry out orders relating to lifeboat launching and operation and the management of a boat under sail;
 - (b) He understands the general principles of boat management in a tideway and in bad weather; and in landing on all kinds of beaches or in a surf; and
 - (c) He is familiar with a lifeboat and its equipment and the starting and running of the engines of a powered boat.

Reg. 6 (2)

SECOND SCHEDULE

Exn. 35

Port of

APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY AS A.B. BY A PERSON CLAIMING ENTITLEMENT UNDER REGULATION 4 OF THE SHIPPING (CERTIFICATES OF COMPETENCY AS A.B.) REGULATIONS 1954

Shipping and Seamen Act 1952

N.B.—The applicant must lodge with the Superintendent—

- (i) Certificate of discharge or other evidence proving the sea service claimed in Part E.
- (ii) Where any remission is claimed in Part D for pre-sea training, a certificate proving satisfactory attendance and training from the person in charge of the training establishment.
- (iii) A Certificate of Efficiency as Lifeboatman.
- (iv) Proof of passing the qualifying examination.
- (v) One or more certificates showing that apart from instruction the applicant has steered a ship (other than a fishing boat) having a gross tonnage of 100 tons or more for not less than ten hours.

PART A

Name, etc., of Applicant

Surname (in block letters)			Other Names (in full)		
1			2		
Date of Birth			Place of Birth		
Day	Month	Year	Town	Country	Nationality
3	4	5	6	7	8
Numbers of Discharges or Discharge Book				Present Rating	
Height			Colour of		Complexion
Feet	Inches	Eyes	Hair		
Tattoo or Other Marks (if Any)					

PART B

Particulars Relating to Applicant's Qualifying Examination

The qualifying examination was passed by me on the day of 19...., at the port of

.....
Usual Signature of Applicant.

PART C

Declaration to be made by Applicant

(TAKE NOTICE.—Any person who makes, procures to be made, or assists in making any false representation for the purpose of obtaining for himself or any other person a certificate of competency is for each offence liable to be punished as for a crime.)

I hereby declare that the particulars given by me in this form are correct and true to the best of my knowledge and belief, and I hereby apply for the issue of a Certificate of Competency as A.B. through the Mercantile Marine Office at

Dated this day of 19.....

.....
Usual Signature of Applicant.

PART D

Particulars of Pre-sea Training Courses for which Remission is Claimed

N.B.—Pre-sea training counts at the rate of one month for each period of four weeks, subject to a maximum of six months.

Name of Training Ship or School	Period of Training		Remission Claimed	[For Official Use Only]
	Began	Ended		

PART E

Particulars of Service at Sea in a Deck Rating

N.B.—Service shown, when added to the remission, if any, claimed in Part D for pre-sea training, must total at least 36 months. Not less than 9 months of the service must be in ships (other than fishing boats) of 100 gross tons or more. Of the remainder, service in ships of under 100 gross tons is counted at half rate, except that service in ships of under 15 gross tons is not accepted.

Ship's Name	Gross Tonnage	Type of Ship (Trading, Fishing, etc.)	Particulars of Voyage			[For Official Use Only]
			Rating	Began	Ended	

PART F

Superintendent to Registrar

Certificate No. issued, and fee of one shilling received and accounted for on Receipt No.
Port of Date:

.....
Superintendent.

Reg. 6 (2)

Form Exn. 36

Port of

APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY AS A.B. BY A PERSON CLAIMING ENTITLEMENT UNDER REGULATION 5 OF THE SHIPPING (CERTIFICATES OF COMPETENCY AS A.B.) REGULATIONS 1954

Shipping and Seamen Act 1952

N.B.—Certificates of discharge or other evidence proving sea service shown in Part B must be lodged with the Superintendent. Service entered in Part B must have been performed as A.B. or in an equivalent or superior deck rating on or before 1 May 1955 in a ship for which an agreement with the crew was required under Part II of the Shipping and Seamen Act 1952.

PART A

Name, etc., of Applicant

Surname (in block letters)			Other Names (in full)		
1			2		
Date of Birth			Place of Birth		
Day	Month	Year	Town	Country	Nationality
3	4	5	6	7	8
Numbers of Discharges or Discharge Book				Present Rating	
Height		Colour of		Complexion	
Feet	Inches	Eyes	Hair		
Tattoo or Other Marks (if Any)					

PART B

Particulars of Service at Sea in a Deck Rating

Ship's Name	Gross Tonnage	Type of Ship (Trading, Fishing, etc.)	Particulars of Voyage			[For Official Use Only]
			Rating	Began	Ended	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

PART C

Declaration to be Made by Applicant

(TAKE NOTICE.—Any person who makes, procures to be made, or assists in making any false representation for the purpose of obtaining for himself or any other person a certificate of competency is for each offence liable to be punished as for a crime.)

I hereby declare that the particulars given by me in this form are correct and true to the best of my knowledge and belief, and I hereby apply for the issue of a Certificate of Competency as A.B. through the Mercantile Marine Office at

Dated this, day of 19.....

.....
 Usual Signature of Applicant.

PART D

*Superintendent to Registrar*Certificate No..... issued, and fee of one shilling received and
accounted for on Receipt No.....

Port of Date:.....

.....
Superintendent.

Reg. 7 (2)

Form Exn. 37

Port of

COMBINED FORM OF APPLICATION FOR PERSONS WHO WISH TO TAKE THE
QUALIFYING EXAMINATION AND THEREUPON CLAIM ENTITLEMENT TO A
CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY AS A.B. UNDER REGULATION 4 OF THE
SHIPPING (CERTIFICATES OF COMPETENCY AS A.B.) REGULATIONS 1954*Shipping and Seamen Act 1952*

N.B.—The applicant must lodge with the Superintendent—

- (i) Certificate of discharge or other evidence proving sea service claimed in Part C.
- (ii) Where any remission is claimed in Part B for pre-sea training, a certificate proving satisfactory attendance and training from the person in charge of the training establishment.
- (iii) A Certificate of Efficiency as Lifeboatman.
- (iv) One or more certificates showing that, apart from instruction, the applicant has steered a ship (other than a fishing boat) having a gross tonnage of 100 tons or more for not less than ten hours.

PART A

Name, etc., of Applicant

Surname (in block letters)			Other Names (in full)		
1			2		
Date of Birth			Place of Birth		
Day	Month	Year	Town	Country	Nationality
3	4	5	6	7	8
Numbers of Discharges or Discharge Book			Present Rating		
Height		Colour of		Complexion	
Feet	Inches	Eyes	Hair		
Tattoo or Other Marks (if Any)					

PART B

Particulars of Pre-sea Training Courses for which Remission is Claimed

N.B.—Pre-sea training counts at the rate of one month for each period of 4 weeks, subject to a maximum of six months.

Name of Training Ship or School	Period of Training		Remission Claimed	[For Official Use Only]
	Began	Ended		

PART C

Particulars of Service at Sea in a Deck Rating

N.B.—Service shown, when added to the remission, if any, claimed in Part B for pre-sea training, must total at least thirty-six months. Not less than nine months of the service must be in ships (other than fishing boats) of 100 gross tons or more. Of the remainder, service in ships of under 100 gross tons is counted at half rate, except that service in ships of under 15 gross tons is not accepted.

Ship's Name	Gross Tonnage	Type of Ship (Trading, Fishing, etc.)	Particulars of Voyage			[For Official Use Only]
			Rating	Began	Ended	

PART D

Declaration to be Made by Applicant

(TAKE NOTICE.—Any person who makes, procures to be made, or assists in making any false representation for the purpose of obtaining for himself or any other person a certificate of competency is for each offence liable to be punished as for a crime.)

I hereby declare that the particulars given by me in this form are correct and true to the best of my knowledge and belief, and I hereby apply for the issue of a Certificate of Competency as A.B. through the Mercantile Marine Office at

Dated this, day of 19.....

.....
 Usual Signature of Applicant.

PART E

To be Completed by the Examiner

I have examined this candidate in the syllabus prescribed under the Shipping (Certificates of Competency as A.B.) Regulations 1954 and he failed/passed* in the examination.

Dated this, day of 19.....

Signature of Examiner:.....

Port of

* Delete where not applicable.

PART F

Superintendent to Registrar

The declaration (D) above was signed in my presence, and the fee of one shilling was received by me and accounted for on Receipt No.

The certificate issued was number

Port of Date:

.....
Superintendent.

Reg. 9 (2)

Form Exn. 38

Port of

APPLICATION BY A PERSON DESIROUS OF TAKING THE QUALIFYING EXAMINATION
FOR A CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY AS A.B. UNDER THE SHIPPING
(CERTIFICATES OF COMPETENCY AS A.B.) REGULATIONS 1954

Shipping and Seamen Act 1952

N.B.—The applicant must lodge with the Superintendent—

- (i) Certificate of discharge or other evidence proving the sea service claimed in Part B.
- (ii) One or more certificates showing that, apart from instruction, the applicant has steered a ship (other than a fishing boat) having a gross tonnage of 100 tons or more for not less than ten hours.

PART A

Name, etc., of Applicant

Surname (in block letters)			Other Names (in full)		
1			2		
Date of Birth			Place of Birth		
Day	Month	Year	Town	Country	Nationality
3	4	5	6	7	8
Numbers of Discharges or Discharge Book				Present Rating	
Height		Colour of		Complexion	
Feet	Inches	Eyes	Hair		
Tattoo or Other Marks (if Any)					

PART B

Particulars of Service at Sea in a Deck Rating

N.B.—Service shown must total not less than twelve months, of which not less than three months must be in ships (other than fishing boats) of 100 gross tons or more. Service in ships of under 100 gross tons is counted at half rate, except that service in ships of under 15 gross tons is not accepted.

Ship's Name	Gross Tonnage	Type of Ship (Trading, Fishing, etc.)	Particulars of Voyage			[For Official Use Only]
			Rating	Began	Ended	

PART C

Declaration to be Made by Applicant

(TAKE NOTICE.—Any person who makes, procures to be made, or assists in making any false representation for the purpose of obtaining for himself or any other person a certificate of competency is for each offence liable to be punished as for a crime.)

I hereby declare that the particulars given by me in this form are correct and true to the best of my knowledge and belief, and I hereby apply for the issue of a Certificate of Competency as A.B. through the Mercantile Marine Office at

Dated this, day of 19....

.....
Usual Signature of Applicant.

PART D

To be Completed by Examiner

I have examined the candidate in the syllabus prescribed under the Shipping (Certificates of Competency as A.B.) Regulations 1954, and he has failed/passed² in the examination.

Dated this day of 19....

Signature of Examiner:.....

Port of

NOTE.—If applicant passes the examination he must complete Form Exn. 35 and submit evidence of necessary service before certificate can be issued.

* Delete word not applicable.

T. J. SHERRARD,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

[*This note is not part of the regulations, but is intended to indicate their general effect.*]

These regulations—

(a) Provide for the grant of certificates of competency as A.B. and lay down the standards of qualification for the grant of such certificates.

(b) Prescribe the date after which a seaman engaged in a New Zealand ship or in a home trade ship (whether a New Zealand ship or not) shall not, unless he is the holder of such a certificate, be rated as an A.B. or be entered in the agreement with the crew as an A.B. by a Superintendent of a Mercantile Marine Office.

(c) Prescribe the date from which the provisions of section 51 of the Shipping and Seamen Act 1908 and of section 9 of the Shipping and Seamen Amendment Act 1909 (which relate to the rating of seamen) shall cease to apply to seamen for the time being engaged in such ships.

Issued under the authority of the Regulations Act 1936.

Date of notification in *Gazette*: 7 October 1954.

These regulations are administered in the Marine Department.