

or upwards, then with at least one officer besides the master, such officer holding a certificate not lower than that of mate (home-trade) or second mate (foreign-going): Provided that any such ship of 100 tons register or upwards running more than 300 miles between terminal ports shall carry a second mate holding a certificate not lower than that of second mate of a home-trade ship or of master of a cargo-vessel under 25 tons register: Provided also that the Secretary of the Marine Department may, if and subject to such conditions as he thinks fit, exempt any ship from the requirements of the preceding proviso in respect of any particular voyage if it is proved to his satisfaction that to comply with those requirements would unduly delay that ship.

- c. If the ship is a foreign-going ship, then with at least a first and a second mate duly certificated.
- d. If the ship is a steamship authorized to ply within river limits or extended river limits only, then with a master holding a certificate as master of a river steamer.
- e. If the ship is a home-trade cargo-ship only of over 5 tons or up to 25 tons (inclusive) net register, then with a duly certificated master whose certificate shall be of a grade not lower than that prescribed for that class of ship by the next succeeding section.
- f. If the ship is a home-trade ship over 25 and up to 100 tons net register, and not included in the foregoing provisions, then with a duly certificated master whose certificate shall be of a grade not lower than that of a master of a home-trade ship.
- g. If the ship is a sailing-ship, or a ship propelled by any mechanical power other than steam, plying on a river or in a harbour, or within other restricted limits, then with a duly certificated master whose certificate shall be of a grade prescribed by the Minister.
- h. If the ship is a fishing-boat over 10 tons register exclusively employed in fishing on the coast of New Zealand, whether seagoing or running within river or extended river limits, then with a duly certificated master whose certificate shall be of a grade prescribed by the Minister.

An officer is not duly certificated unless he is the holder for the time being of a valid certificate of competency (or service) under the Shipping and Seamen Act of a grade appropriate to his station in the ship or of a higher grade.

If any person having been engaged as one of the above-mentioned officers goes to sea as such officer without being duly certificated, or if any person employs a person as an officer in contravention of this section without ascertaining that the person so serving is duly certificated, that person shall be liable for each offence to a fine not exceeding £50.

A certificate for a sailing-ship shall entitle the holder to serve in a steamship, or ship propelled by mechanical power other than steam, in the capacity mentioned in the certificate.

2. Certificates granted to Persons who pass Examinations.—Certificates of competency will be granted to those persons, being British subjects, who pass the requisite examination and otherwise comply with the requisite conditions. For this purpose Examiners have been appointed, and arrangements have been made for holding examinations.

3. Birth or Naturalization.—A British subject is one who is a British subject by birth or by naturalization in New Zealand.

4. Nationality, Proof of.—Every candidate for a certificate of competency of any grade will be required to produce proof of nationality.

Proof of British nationality will, in ordinary circumstances, involve the production of a birth-certificate or of a certificate of naturalization. If an applicant for examination cannot produce such a certificate he shall furnish such documentary evidence of nationality, or of birth