

**CHAPTER I.**  
**PRELIMINARY AND GENERAL.**

**1. Masters and Mates must have Certificates.**—In accordance with the provisions of section 21 of the Shipping and Seamen Act, 1908, every British ship when going to sea or plying from any place in New Zealand, and every foreign ship when plying as a home-trade ship, shall be provided with deck officers duly certificated under this Act according to the following scale :—

- (a) In any case, with a duly certificated master.
- (b) If the ship is a home-trade sailing-ship of 100 tons register or upwards, or a home-trade steamship of 60 tons register 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 a 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 fishing-boat or 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.

By a "home-trade ship" is meant one which is employed in trading or going between any port or place in New Zealand, or plying on any navigable waters in New Zealand, or going to sea from any port or place in New Zealand and returning to New Zealand without going more than fifty miles from the coast thereof, but not to or from the Cook Islands, Kermadec Islands, the Chatham Islands, the Auckland Islands, Campbell Islands, Antipodes Islands, or Bounty Islands.

By a "foreign-going ship" is meant every ship not included in the term "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 coasts of New Zealand, whether sea-going 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.