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Subject: United Kingdom seafarers can now seek Canadian recognition of their STCW certificates

Purpose

The bulletin is to let you know that:

- Canada has signed a reciprocal arrangement with the United Kingdom.
- United Kingdom seafarers holding a valid STCW certificate¹ of competency, issued by the Maritime and Coastguard Agency, can now apply for a Canadian endorsement.

Scope

This bulletin applies to:

- owners and operators of Canadian-flagged vessels, and
- seafarers from the United Kingdom, who want a Canadian endorsement.

What you need to know

On March 23, 2023, Canada entered into a reciprocal arrangement with the United Kingdom for the recognition of certificates of competency and issuance of endorsements pursuant to regulation I/10 of the STCW Convention.

Seafarers with a valid STCW certificate issued by the United Kingdom can now apply for a Canadian endorsement. This is similar to reciprocal arrangements Canada has already signed with Australia, France, Georgia, Norway, and Ukraine.

¹ STCW certificate means a certificate issued in accordance with the provisions of the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping, 1978, as amended.

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1. Reciprocal arrangement
2. STCW
3. Canadian endorsement

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Canadian seafarers can also seek a United Kingdom endorsement for a valid Canadian STCW certificate. Please consult the following website from the Maritime and Coastguard Agency which provides guidance related to obtaining a United Kingdom endorsement <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/list-of-countries-accepted-towards-issuing-a-uk-FSE> .

Documents you need to apply

To apply for a Canadian endorsement, please download and follow the instructions contained within the following Transport Canada forms:

- [Application for a Canadian endorsement \(Form #82-0786\)](#)
- [Declaration from an Authorized Representative \(Form #82-0787\)](#)

You are invited to visit the following website which provides relevant information regarding [Recognition of a Foreign Certificate Through a Reciprocal Arrangement](#).

How to apply

Send your completed application and supporting documents, using one of the following methods:

- email to RecognitionofCertificates-Reconnaissancecesbrevets@tc.gc.ca
- mail to:

Transport Canada, Seafarer Certification (AMSP),
330 Sparks Street, Place de Ville, Tower C,
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