



**Panama Maritime Authority
Directorate General of Seafarers
Certification Department**

Requirements for the issue of Titles & Title Endorsements, Course Endorsements and Duplicates in accordance with the International Convention STCW 78, as amended

The Panama Maritime Authority (<http://www.amp.gob.pa>), through the Directorate General of Seafarers (DGGM), notifies that Panamanian Merchant Marine Consulates only accepts applications for Titles, Title Endorsements, Course Endorsements and Duplicates under the Regulations of STCW 78, as amended. The Directorate General of Seafarers will issue a Title, Title Endorsement, or Course Endorsement with the same capacity, function, level, limitations and validity of the Title attached to the application. This title must have been issued by the maritime authority of a country within the "White List (1)" published by the International Maritime Organization.

I. ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS

- a. Every application form must have the following administrative requirements:
 1. Application form
 2. Four (4) photos for officers, radio personnel and ratings, color pictures 3 x 3 centimeters
 3. Copy of passport, or identification document approved by the Directorate General of Seafarers* (Identity card in the case of Panamanian citizens)
 4. Valid Medical Fitness Certificate (Regulation I/9), issued by a doctor authorized by the Panama Maritime Authority

II. REQUIREMENTS FOR DECK AND ENGINE OFFICERS

- a. Applications for Officer Title Endorsement, must present the following documents:
 1. Administrative Requirements (Point I)
 2. Title endorsement in accordance with the STCW 78, as amended, (Regulation I/2) issued by a maritime authority of a country within the "white list" published by the International Maritime Organization.

III. APPLICATIONS FOR DECK AND ENGINE OFFICER TITLE REVALIDATION:

- a. **All the applications to obtain a title for Deck or Engine officers must have:**
 1. Administrative Requirements (Point I)
 2. Experience letter and discharge book*. (Panama Office: certificate and credits for just graduated officers)
 3. Personal Survival Techniques Course (IMO 1.19)*
 4. Fire Prevention and Basic Fire Fighting (IMO 1.20)*
 5. Elementary First Aid (IMO 1.13)*
 6. Personal Safety and Social Responsibilities (IMO 1.21)*
 7. Proficiency in Survival Craft and Rescue Boats Course (IMO 1.23)
 - a. STCW Update (Regulation I/11), (it's required only if a sailing period of 12 months in the last 5 years is not handed in.
 - b. Upgrading Course (Authorized by Directorate General of Seafarers, after the applicant sea service review).
- b. **All Deck Officer Applications must present (in addition to Point I and III/a), copies of the following certificates:**
 1. Radar Observer Course (IMO 1.07)*
 2. ARPA Course (Required if the equipment is available on the ship. IMO 1.08)*
 3. GMDSS Course (IMO 1.25 or 1.26)*
- c. **Master and First Deck Officer Applications must present (in addition to Point I, III/a and III/b) copy of the following documents:**
 1. Medical Care Course (IMO 1.15)*
 2. Advanced Fire-Fighting Course (IMO 2.03)*

- d. **All Engineering Officer Applications (Operational and Management) are required to fulfill Point I, and Point III/a.**

- e. **All Chief Engineer and First Engineer Applications, are required to fulfill Point I, III/a, III/c/2.**

IV. REQUIREMENTS FOR RADIO OPERATORS

- a. **All Radio Operator GMDSS and Electronic Radio Operator Applications for a title or title endorsement must comply with the following requirements:**

1. Administrative Requirements (Point I)
2. Basic Safety Training Courses (Regulation VI/1, and the Section A-VI/1, Paragraph 2.
This requirement does not apply for the personnel who present a valid title under Chapters II of Convention STCW 78, as amended.

3. One of the following documents:
 - a. General Operator or Restricted GMDSS (IMO 1.25 or 1.26), or Electronic Radio Operator 1st or 2nd Class course, issued by a Training Center recognized by the Panama Maritime Authority, according to STCW 78, as amended.

For foreign seafarers:

- b. General Operator or Restricted GMDSS (IMO 1.25 or 1.26), or Electronic Radio Operator 1st or 2nd Class title, issued by a Training Center recognized by the Panama Maritime Authority, according to STCW 78, as amended.

V. REQUIREMENTS FOR SHIP SECURITY OFFICER

- a. **All Ship Security Officer Applications must comply with the following requirements:**

1. Administrative requirements (Point I)
2. Ship Security Officer Course (IMO 3.19)

b. For foreign seafarers: Ship Security Officer Title issued by an Administration within the White List
**If the seafarer does not have a Ship Security Officer Title from a country within the IMO White List, he will be titled by Panama, but he should have a Panamanian Title Endorsement and present a SSO course certificate issued by a training center recognized by his administration or by PMA.*

VI. REQUIREMENTS FOR RATINGS AND MARINE TECHNICIANS

- a. **All Rating Applications, must present the following requirements:**

1. Administrative Requirements (Point I)
2. Enrollment or Discharge book with the last two years experience or a letter proving experience*
3. Personal Survival Techniques Course (IMO 1.19)*
4. Fire Prevention and Basic Fire Fighting Course (IMO 1.20)*
5. Elementary First Aid (IMO 1.13)*

6. Personal Safety and Social Responsibilities (IMO 1.21)*
 7. Rating forming part of the personnel within a navigation or engine room watch must submit the corresponding title or certificate, according to Chapter II/4 and /or III/4 of Convention STCW 78, as amended.
- b. All Marine Technician Applications are required to present the following:**
1. Administrative Requirements (Point I)
 2. Letter of experience or other document evidencing position held onboard*

3. Copy of a valid Panamanian license
4. Copy of the course certificate to be endorsed.

The Medical Fitness Certificate must be issued by a doctor recognized by the maritime administration of the country, authorized to carry out examinations to seafarers. Every consulate is obliged to request from the maritime authority of that country a list of the authorized doctors and send a copy to it's respective Documentation Regional Center and to the Certification Department of the DGGM. The training courses submitted in the applications should not have more than 5 years from the issuing date. Every course with more than this time should be renewed.

VII. REQUIREMENTS FOR COURSE ENDORSEMENTS

- a. All course endorsement applications must present the following requirements:**
1. Application
 2. Copy of passport, or identification document approved by the Directorate General of Seafarers* (Identity card in the case of Panamanian citizens)

VIII. DUPLICATES

- a. All duplicate applications must present the following documents:**
1. Application
 2. Copy of passport, or Identity card in the case of Panamanian citizens.
 3. Four (4) color photos 3 x 3 centimeters.

Only applications made to Panamanian Merchant Marine Consulates and to the Panama Maritime Authority Documentation Regional Offices will be accepted for processing. Applications made via regular mail or courier will not be accepted. Only application forms for issuance of a transitory certificate (CT) complying with every requirement herein will be processed. Otherwise the application form will be considered deficient, and the statutory documents requested will not be issued within the 90 days stipulated, which might bring about inconveniences to users and ship owners. We remind you that the transitory certificate (CT) is valid for 90 days, which are non-extendable.

***UPON SUBMITTING THE APPLICATION FORM, ORIGINALS MUST BE COMPARED WITH THE COPIES AND STAMPED "VISTO". IF THE ORIGINAL IS NOT SUBMITTED, THE COPY MUST BE LEGALIZED.**

FEES FOR TITLES, TITLE ENDORSEMENTS	PANAMANIAN	FOREIGNERS	VIA CONSULATE
CAPTAIN AND CHIEF ENGINEER	USD 25.00	USD 275.00	ADD USD 10.00
OFFICERS (INTERNATIONAL WATERS)	USD 16.00	USD 270.00	ADD USD 10.00
RATINGS (INTERNATIONAL WATERS)	USD 10.00	USD 175.00	ADD USD 10.00
GENERAL OPERATOR GMDSS AND ELECTRONIC RADIO OPERATOR	USD 16.00	USD 185.00	ADD USD 10.00
SHIP SECURITY OFFICER	USD 20.00	USD 185.00	ADD USD 10.00
DUPLICATES	USD 40.00	USD 70.00	ADD USD 10.00

FEES			
COURSE ENDORSEMENTS	BASICS COURSES		SPECIALIZED COURSES
	ONE CERTIFICATE	SEPARATED	
UPDATED COURSES	USD 20.00	USD 10.00 c/u	USD 30.00 c/u
EXPIRED COURSES OR MORE THAN 5 YEARS + EXTENSION	USD 20.00 + USD 20.00	USD 10.00 + USD 10.00	USD 30.00 + USD 20.00

*Endorsements fees for Panamanians and foreigners.
 *Add USD.10.00 Via Consulate

¹ White List of the International Maritime Organization (IMO)