

# MLN 1.3

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DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

## MLC Title 1.3 Training and Qualifications

This MLN provides guidance on compliance with Isle of Man (IOM) Regulations which give effect to MLC 2006 Title 1.3. Implementation of these guidelines will be taken as evidence of compliance with the Isle of Man Regulations.

The guidelines do not preclude the shipowner from demonstrating an equivalent or higher standard as an "alternative method" of evidence of compliance.

Documents referred to in this notice:

Maritime Labour Convention 2006;

Merchant Shipping (Manning and Training) Regulations 1996 (SD723/96);

Merchant Shipping (ISM Code) Regulations 1998 (SD421/98);

MSN 030, Safe Manning Document and Certification and Training Requirements for Seafarers on IOM Registered Vessels;

MGN 156 Training and Certification Guidance – Part 17 Certificates of Competency or Marine Engine Operator Licences for Service as an Engineer Officer on Commercially and Privately Operated Yachts and Sail Training Vessels; and

MGN 1802 Certificates of Competency – Yacht Deck Officers' Training and Certification Guidance – Part A7.

Most regulations and notices are available on the Isle of Man Government website:

[www.iomshipregistry.com](http://www.iomshipregistry.com) or by contacting [marine.survey@gov.im](mailto:marine.survey@gov.im)

### **Training and Qualifications**

1. MLC Regulation 1.3 requires that seafarers are trained or qualified to carry out their duties on board a ship. This requirement forms two parts the first of which is that seafarers shall not work on a ship unless they are trained or certified as competent or otherwise qualified to perform their duties. The Isle of Man (IOM) has the following requirements in place in order to fulfil this part of the MLC regulation -
  - a. the IOM Merchant Shipping (Manning and Training) Regulations 1996 describes the minimum requirements for manning and training on IOM registered vessels. A further explanation of these regulations is given in MSN 030, Safe Manning Document and Certification and Training Requirements for Seafarers on IOM Registered Vessels.

- b. for vessels subject to the International Safety Management Code (ISM Code) the IOM Merchant Shipping Regulations 1998 apply which include Section 6 of the ISM Code, Resources and Personnel.
- c. for seafarers working on commercial yachts the IOM accepts qualifications that meet either the full requirements of the STCW Convention or the systems introduced by the Maritime Coastguard Agency for yachts, guidance of which is contained in the following –
  - i. MGN 156 Training and Certification Guidance – Part 17 Certificates of Competency or Marine Engine Operator Licences for Service as an Engineer Officer on Commercially and Privately Operated Yachts and Sail Training Vessels; and
  - ii. MGN 1802 Certificates of Competency – Yacht Deck Officers’ Training and Certification Guidance – Part A7.

Commercial yacht owners wishing to employ crew who have equivalent qualifications or who are in the process of working towards these qualifications should approach the Ship Registry on a case by case basis.

2. The second requirement of MLC regulation 1.3 is that seafarers shall not be permitted to work on a ship unless they have successfully completed training for personal safety on board ship. In order to meet this obligation the IOM requires all seafarers to receive familiarisation training before they take up their duties on board the vessel. This training shall be sufficient to ensure that each person is competent to -
  - a. communicate with other persons on board on elementary safety matters;
  - b. understand safety information symbols, signs and alarm signals;
  - c. understand the action to take in the event of a person falling overboard, fire or smoke being detected, a person being overcome in an enclosed space, or a fire or abandon ship alarm being sounded;
  - d. identify muster and embarkation stations and emergency escape routes;
  - e. locate and don lifejackets;
  - f. initiate alarms and use portable fire extinguishers;
  - g. understand the ship’s arrangements for permits to work and other working systems designed to ensure safe working practices;
  - h. understand the rules applicable in that ship with regard to the entry into enclosed spaces;
  - i. take appropriate immediate action on encountering an accident or other medical emergency before seeking further medical assistance on board; and
  - j. operate any fire or watertight doors (other than hull openings) fitted in the particular ship.