

Frequently Asked Questions: Certification and Training in COVID Times

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Question 1: To whom does various Orders related to CoC/CoP extension applies?

Answer 1: To Seafarers who intend to join ship on/prior to 30 September 2020 and need revalidation/extension of CoC/CoP.

Question 2: If I am joining after 30 September 2020 and need CoC revalidation, Do I need to do Refresher Training in PSCRB/PST/AFF/FPPF and how can I get it?

Answer 2:

- a) If you meet the eligibility requirement as stated in DGS order 20 of 2020 then can do Refresher Courses and Refresher and Updating Training Course for Engineers (RUT) conducted by various MTI via Virtual Classes/Live Video sessions.
- b) After satisfactory completion of required Refresher Courses via 3-Tier system consisting of E-Learning, Virtual Classes/Live Video Session and an Exit Exam, you will be issued relevant CoP valid for 18-months for PSCRB/PST/AFF/FPPF.
- c) On completion of required RUT via 3-Tier system consisting of E-Learning, Virtual Classes/Live Video Session and an Exit Exam, you can apply for revalidation of CoC via the usual process and the CoC shall be revalidated for a period of 5-years.

The eligibility criterion is through demonstration of Continued professional competence as required under Regulation I/11 of the STCW Convention:

- a) **For Engineers and Officers:** Only via approved seagoing service, performing functions appropriate to the certificate held, for a period of at least:
 - 12-months in total during the preceding five years, or
 - 3-months in total during the preceding six months immediately prior to revalidating;
- b) **Ratings:**Sea-service of at-least 1-year in last 5-years

Question 3: If I am joining on/prior 30 September 2020 and my CoC/CoP expiring prior 31 December 2020, should I also follow the above procedures for revalidation of CoC and/or completion of required Refresher Updating Training course which is required every 5-years?

Answer 3: Your CoC and/or CoP have already been extended till 31 December 2021 and can continue sailing. In case you want to carry out revalidation, you need to follow procedures detailed in Answer 2, including demonstration of continued professional competence for eligibility.

Question 4: If I am joining on/prior 30 September 2020 and my CoC/CoP expiring after 31 December 2020, should I also follow the above procedures for revalidation of CoC and/or completion of required Refresher Training required every 5-years?

Answer 4: In all such cases, you can get extension of CoC and/or CoP by following procedures detailed in Standard Operating Procedures dated 30.06.2020 and get your CoC/CoP/CoE extended till 31 December 2021. In case you want to carry out revalidation, you need to follow procedures detailed in Answer 2, including demonstration of continued professional competence for eligibility.

Question 5: I have just completed my Class IV/2nd Mates CoC examination and does not have relevant sea-time to demonstrate continued professional competence and need to have either Level 1 to join a tanker and thus require to complete Basic Tanker Safety Courses

Answer 5: You are eligible VIA DGS Order 20 of 2020 for enrolment in Basic Tanker Safety Courses conducted via Virtual Classes/Live Video Session and after following the three-tier mechanism of learning can get the Course Certificate and apply for Level 1 CoP.

Question 6: I have just completed my Class IV/2nd Mates CoC examination and do not have relevant sea-time to demonstrate continued professional competence and need to have either Level 2 as required by my Company. I already have Level 1 DCE and have 3-months required sailing experience on Tanker required for Level II DCE. But I also need Advanced Tanker Safety Course for Level II DCE. Can I join this course conducted by various MTIs via Virtual Classes/Live Video Session?

Answer 6: You are eligible via DGS Order 20 of 2020 for enrolment in Advanced Tanker Safety Courses conducted via Virtual Classes/Live Video Session and after following the three-tier mechanism of learning can get the Course Certificate and apply for Level II DCE/CoP.

Question 7: I am a Cadet and joining a Tanker for completion of my ship-board training. My Company has asked me to get Level I DCE for which I need to do Basic Tanker Safety Course. Am I eligible to join this course conducted by various MTIs via Virtual Classes/Live Video Session?

Answer 7: You are eligible VIA DGS Order 24 of 2020 for enrolment in Basic Tanker Safety Courses conducted via Virtual Classes/Live Video Session and after following the three-tier mechanism of learning can get the Course Certificate and apply for Level 1 DCE.

Question 8: I am a rating and joining a Tanker. I do not have required experience to demonstrate continued professional competence. My Company has asked me to get Level I

DCE for which I need to do Basic Tanker Safety Course. Am I eligible to join this course conducted by various MTIs via Virtual Classes/Live Video Session?

Answer 8: You are eligible VIA DGS Order 24 of 2020 for enrolment in Basic Tanker Safety Courses conducted via Virtual Classes/Live Video Session and after following the three-tier mechanism of learning can get the Course Certificate and apply for Level 1 DCE.

Question 9: I am a rating with a level I DCE and joining a Tanker. My Company has asked me to do Advanced Tanker Safety Course. Am I eligible to join this course conducted by various MTIs via Virtual Classes/Live Video Session?

Answer 9: You are eligible via DGS Order 24 of 2020 for enrolment in Advanced Tanker Safety Courses conducted via Virtual Classes/Live Video Session and after following the three-tier mechanism of learning can get the Course Certificate. The previous circulars issued by Directorate for a rating to join Advanced Tanker Courses shall also be applicable to you.

Question 10: I have just passed my Master/Chief Mate/Class II/Class I CoC and my Company want me to join with Ship Security Officer Certificate. Am I eligible to join the course conducted by various MTIs via Virtual Classes/Live Video Session?

Answer 10: Since you have just got your management level CoC, it is expected that you can demonstrate continued professional competence by way of sea-going service and is eligible under DGS Order 20 of 2020 and can join the course conducted via Virtual Classes/Live Video Session and after following the three-tier mechanism of learning can get the Course Certificate.

Question 11: I am an ETO rating and in my Company ETO ratings are appointed as Ship Security Officer and accordingly asked to do the SSO Course. Am I eligible to join the course conducted by various MTIs via Virtual Classes/Live Video Session?

Answer 11: Yes, if you can demonstrate continued professional competence by way of sea-going service, that is 1-Year in last 5-years, then you are eligible under DGS Order 20 of 2020 and can join the course conducted via Virtual Classes/Live Video Session and after following the three-tier mechanism of learning can get the Course Certificate.