

STCW95 training is described below to help you understand what this training certification is all about.

"Standards of Training Certification and Watch keeping for Seafarers (STCW)".

This International certification standard from the International Maritime Organization (IMO) has the force of law in all the 154 signatory countries.

The 1995 STCW Convention establishes a baseline standard for the training and education of seafarers throughout the world. By placing an emphasis on quality control and competence-based training, it establishes a structure that can ensure not only that the required standard is met, but that it is met.

The convention gives the minimum standards of qualifications required by all crew members at various levels depending upon vessel size. All crew involved in any safety or muster must complete the STCW95 course.

STCW 95 stipulates the required competences associated with different tasks, the knowledge and understanding required to perform them, methods for demonstrating competence and criteria for evaluating it. The Convention embodies provision for "hands-on" training and the development of basic skills through use of simulators, laboratory training equipment and other practical training aids. Although experience at sea remains an important part of a seafarers overall career development, it is no longer be enough to "serve your time."

In 2002, the International STCW 95 convention went into full effect. Since then, all seafarers must be trained in compliance with its provisions and carry certificates to that effect. Vessels are now subject to detention and seizure for non-compliance.

Basic Marine Fire Fighting
First Aid
Sea Survival and
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