

## Changes to Navigation and Vessel Inspection Circulars: 04-14, 08-14, 09-14, 12-14, and 14-14

The Office of Merchant Mariner Credentialing published changes to five Navigation and Vessel Inspection Circulars (NVICs) concerning qualification for certain Merchant Mariner Credential Standards of Training, Certification, and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978, as amended (STCW) endorsements.

NVICs [04-14](#), [08-14](#), and [09-14](#) were revised to provide guidance on renewal of STCW endorsements for Proficiency in Survival Craft, Proficiency in Survival Craft-Limited, Basic Training, and Advanced Firefighting for mariners serving on vessels in a reduced operating status and on other vessels in operation that do not get underway.

NVIC [12-14](#) (Officer in Charge of a Navigational Watch 500 Gross Tons or More) was revised to remove grandfathering provisions that expired on January 1, 2017, and to add an explanation of the requirement in 46 CFR 11.201(a) to hold an appropriate national endorsement in order to qualify for an STCW endorsement.

NVIC [14-14](#) (Able Seafarer-Deck) was revised to allow assessments of competence to be performed in locations other than a ship when the use of shipboard equipment is not needed for the assessment, and to add greater flexibility as to how the assessment may be performed.

Visit the [U.S. Coast Guard NVIC webpage](#) to view the revised NVICs.

For information about these NVICs or to suggest changes, contact the Mariner Credentialing Program Policy Division (CG-MMC-2) at (202) 372-2357 or [MMCPolicy@uscg.mil](mailto:MMCPolicy@uscg.mil).

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