



Guidance on Voluntary Compliance with Training Requirements for Personnel Serving on U.S.-flagged Passenger Ships that Carry More than 12 Passengers on International Voyages

The Office of Merchant Mariner Credentialing has published CG-MMC Policy Letter 03-21. This policy letter provides guidance to passenger vessel owners and operators on voluntary compliance with the 2016 amendments to the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978, as amended (STCW Convention) and the Seafarers' Training, Certification and Watchkeeping Code (STCW Code). Passenger vessels on international voyages may be subject to detentions in foreign ports if personnel have not received appropriate training in accordance with the STCW Convention and the STCW Code.

The Coast Guard will not issue endorsements related to the training of personnel on passenger vessels.

This policy is available through the [National Maritime Center's website](#).

Notice of Availability of the policy letter has published in the [Federal Register \(86 FR 44378\)](#).

Mariners and other interested parties should contact the Mariner Credentialing Program Policy Division at MMCPolicy@uscg.mil or (202) 372-2357 with any questions or feedback.

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