

Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping (STCW) Guidance: II – Deck

Chapter II - Master and Deck Department

All STCW Deck endorsements fall within Chapter II categories as listed below. 46 CFR 11.201 requires that an applicant for any STCW endorsement must also hold the appropriate national endorsement. U.S Regulations contain specific requirements to hold or renew an STCW deck endorsement and additional guidance is listed below. Applicants may also find our checklists to be a helpful tool.

STCW Deck Endorsements:

Regulation II/1 – Officer in Charge of a Navigational Watch (OICNW)

Regulation II/2 – Master, Chief Mate 3000GT or More

Regulation II/2 – Master, Chief Mate Between 500GT and 3,000GT

Regulation II/3 – Master and OICNW < 500GT

Regulation II/4 – Rating Forming Part of a Navigational Watch (RFPNW)

Regulation II/5 – Able Seafarer-Deck

Additional Guidance

Reg II/1: NVIC 12-14 Guidelines On Qualification For STCW Endorsements As Officer In Charge Of A Navigational Watch On Vessels Of 500 GT Or More

NVIC 02-18 Guidelines On Qualification For STCW Endorsements As Officer In Charge Of A Navigational Watch Of Vessels Of Less Than 500 GT Oceans (Endorsed II/1 Not Valid on Vessels 500 GT or More)

Reg II/2: NVIC 10-14 Guidelines On Qualification For STCW Endorsements As Master Or Chief Mate On Vessels Of 3,000 GT Or More

NVIC 03-18 Guidelines On Qualification For STCW Endorsements As Master Of Vessels Of Less Than 500 GT Oceans (Endorsed II/2 Not Valid on Vessels 500 GT or More)

NVIC 11-14 Guidelines On Qualification For STCW Endorsements As Master Or Chief Mate On Vessels Of 500 GT or More and Less than 3000 GT

Reg II/3: NVIC 13-14 Guidelines on Qualification for STCW Endorsements as Master or Officer in Charge of a Navigational Watch of Vessels of Less than 500 GT Limited to Near-Coastal Waters

Reg II/4: NVIC 06-14 Guidelines for Qualification for STCW Endorsements as Rating Forming Part of a Navigational Watch

Reg II/5: NVIC 14-14 Guidelines on Qualification for STCW Endorsements as Able Seafarer-Deck