

	STCW CIRCULAR 2012-002		
	DEPARTMENT OF MARINE SERVICES AND MERCHANT SHIPPING (ADOMS)		
	2010 Amendments to STCW Regulation VI, Basic training, and Familiarisation	Ref	STCW,78 Reg. VI STCW Code Sect. A-VI/1

**Companies operating ships under the Antigua and Barbuda flag,
Ships registered in Antigua and Barbuda,
Authorised Antigua and Barbuda Filing Agents**

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Background

The 2010 Amendments to the STCW Convention 1978 have modified the requirements for Basic Training set out in Regulation VI/1 of the Convention. Accordingly, the Antigua and Barbuda Department of Marine Services and Merchant Shipping (ADOMS) wishes to inform owners and managers that as of 01 January 2012, the new requirements, applicable to all seafarers, are as follows:

1. Seafarers shall be required to hold a Certificate of Proficiency as evidence that they have achieved the required standard of competence to undertake the tasks, duties and responsibilities as set out in the STCW Code in:
 - a. Table A-VI/1-1 personal survival techniques
 - b. Table A-VI/1-2 fire prevention and fire fighting
 - c. Table A-VI/1-3 elementary first aid
 - d. Table A-VI/1-4 personal safety and social responsibilities

2. Starting on 01 January 2012, seafarers are also required, every five years, to provide evidence of having maintained the required standards of competence by providing evidence of participation in refresher courses in the specified areas therein.

Transitional provisions:

Seafarers who already hold certificates or documentary evidence of having completed the four basic training elements in accordance with Regulation VI/1 under the STCW requirements existing previous to 01 January 2012 and who completed their training in the five years prior to 01 January 2012 may continue to be regarded as meeting the requirements for a Certificate of Proficiency in basic training until a date five years after the date of their initial training. On that date they are required to obtain a Certificate of Proficiency in accordance with the 2010 Amendments to the Convention.

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