

Section II/3

Ref : M.S. (STCW) Rules 2014

Rule 22 : Master on ships of 3000 gross tonnage or more. (Master of a foreign-going ship) (M)

1. The approved sea-going service required by Rule 22 (2) (b) of Chapter II of MS (STCW) Rules 2014 for a Master FG candidate is as follows :

1.1 To have approved sea-going service as an Officer in charge of a navigational watch on ships of 500 gross tonnage or more for a period of not less than **thirty-six months**, which shall include not less than **eighteen months** on ships of 3000 gross tonnage or more; **and**

1.2 From the aforesaid total of thirty-six months sea-going service, at least **twelve months** sea-going service should be performed after obtaining a certificate of competency of Chief Mate on ships of 3000 gross tonnage or more (First Mate of a foreign-going ship). Of the twelve months of sea-going service after obtaining Chief Mate FG certificate, at least **six months** of sea-going service should be on ships of 3000 gross tonnage or more.

1.3 Provided that the period of thirty six months shall be reduced to thirty months, if twelve months of such sea-going service has been served as Chief Mate on ships of 3000 gross tonnage or more, **or pro rata**;

1.4 Provided that during the required sea-going service, the candidate has kept independent navigational watch. In case the watches were doubled, or performed as an assistant watch-keeping officer, then such sea-going service would be assessed at two-thirds of the actual service performed (Ref Section II/2-1).

An illustration of the above provisions is given in the Table No. II/3-1 below :

Table No. II/3-1

	Sea-going service performed as OIC NW when holding Second Mate (F.G.) Cert. (2M)	Further sea-going service performed after obtaining First Mate (F.G.) Cert. (CM)	Total sea-going service required for Master (F.G.) (M)
e.g. 1	18 months	+ 18 months as OIC NW	= 36 months
e.g. 2	24 months	+ 12 months as OIC NW	= 36 months
e.g. 3	18 months	+ 12 months as CM > 3000 GT	= 30 months
e.g. 4	18 months	+ 9 months as OIC NW and 6 months as CM > 3000 GT	= 33 months
e.g. 5	21 months	+ 6 months OIC NW and 6 months as CM > 3000 GT	= 33 months

For details of ‘approved sea-going service’, please refer to Section II/18 of this chapter

2. The Master is to issue a watch-keeping certificate to the candidate in the prescribed format for the sea-going service performed by the Officer. The prescribed format is given in **Appendix II/2**.
3. The approved post-sea education and training as required by Rule 22 (2) (d) and (e) of the M.S. (STCW) Rules 2014 is shown in Table No. II/3-2 below :

Table No. II/3-2

Name of Course	Duration	Applicability	Course Details
Advanced Shipboard Management Course (ASM)	45 Days	Holder of Chief Mate Certificate of Competency (First Mate F.G.), having completed the approved sea-going service required for Master (F.G.) examination.	Appendix II/3-A
Ship Manoeuvring Simulator and Bridge Teamwork Course (SMS)	5 Days	Holder of Chief Mate Certificate of Competency (First Mate F.G.), having performed at-least eighteen months of independent navigational watch-keeping as OIC NW or CM	Appendix II/3-B

4. Examination and assessment for the certificate of competency as Master of a foreign-going ship (M) will be held as follows :
 - 4.1 Scrutiny by assessment centre of satisfactory completion of approved sea-going service.
 - 4.2 Satisfactory completion of an approved Advanced Shipboard Management (ASM) Course.
 - 4.3 Satisfactory completion of an approved Ship Manoeuvring Simulator and Bridge Teamwork (SMS) Course.
 - 4.4 Satisfactory completion of ECDIS Course (if not done earlier)
 - 4.5 Satisfactory completion of approved written and oral examinations
5. All training and assessment successfully completed by any candidate must comply with the requirements of Regulation I/6 of STCW 2010, (Training and Assessment), along with sections A-I/6 and B-I/6 of the STCW Code, as well as Regulation I/8 of STCW 2010, (Quality Standards), along with sections A-I/8 and B-I/8 of the STCW Code.
6. A summary of the sea-going service, post-sea education and training, examination, assessment and certification is given in Flow Diagram No. II/3-1 below :-

Flow Diagram No. II/3-1

