

Section II/6

Ref : M.S. (STCW) Rules 2014

Rule 25 : Master (Master of a foreign-going ship) on ships of between 500 and 3000 gross tonnage.

1. The approved sea-going service required by Rule 25 (2) (b) of Chapter II of M.S. (STCW) Rules 2014 is :

- 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**, and
- 1.2 From the afore-said 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 between 500 and 3000 gross tonnage or more (First Mate of a foreign-going ship),
- 1.3 Provided that the period of thirty-six months shall be reduced to twenty-four months, if twelve months of such sea-going service has been served as Chief Mate on ships of 500 gross tonnage or more, **or pro rata**;

An illustration of the same is given in the Table No. II/ 6-1 below:

Table No. II/6-1

	Sea-going service performed as OIC NW when holding Second Mate (F.G.) Cert. (2M 500 GT or more)	Further sea-going service performed after obtaining First Mate (F.G.) Cert. (CM 500-3000 GT)	Total sea-going service required for Master (F.G.) (M 500-3000 GT)
e.g. 1	6 months	+ 30 months as OIC NW	= 36 months
e.g. 2	24 months	+ 12 months as OIC NW	= 36 months
e.g. 3	12 months	+ 12 months <u>as CM > 500 GT</u>	= 24 months
e.g. 4	12 months	+ 6 months as OIC NW AND 9 months <u>as CM > 500 GT</u>	= 27 months
e.g. 4	6 months	+ 18 months as OIC NW AND 6 months <u>as CM > 500 GT</u>	= 30 months

For details of 'approved sea-going service, please refer to Section II/11 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 25 (2) (c) and (d) of the M.S. (STCW) Rules 2014 is shown in Table No. II/6-2 below :

Table No. II/6-2

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/3A
Ship Manoeuvring Simulator and Bridge Teamwork Course (SMS)	5 Days	Holder of OIC NW Certificate of Competency (Second Mate F.G.), or higher, having performed at-least eighteen months of independent navigational watch-keeping.	Appendix II/3B
ECDIS Course	5 days	(if not done earlier)	Appendix II/1K

4. Examination and assessment for the certificate of competency as Master of a foreign-going ship (**M 500-3000 GT**) 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 seagoing service, post-sea education and training, examination, assessment and certification is given in the Flow Diagram No. II/6-1 below :-

Flow Diagram No. II/6-1

