

Rule 31 : Officers in Charge of a Navigational Watch on ships of less than 500 gross tonnage engaged on Near-Coastal Voyages.

1. The approved Training, Examination, and Assessment Programme (TEAP) for a candidate to qualify for certification as an Officer in charge of a navigational watch on a sea-going ship of less than 500 gross tonnage engaged on near coastal voyages (Navigational Watch-keeping Officer), as required by Rule 31 (2) (d) of Chapter II of M.S. (STCW) Rules 2014, comprises approved Pre-sea education and training, Sea-going service, and Post-sea education and training, followed by examination and assessment.
2. The approved seagoing service required by Rule 31 (2) (b) of Chapter II of M.S. (STCW) Rules 2014 is **36 months** in the Deck department.
3. Provided that in case the candidate has undertaken special training as may be specified by the Directorate General of Shipping, the approved sea-going service required shall be **not less than 12 months** in the deck department.

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

4. Prior commencement of approved sea-going service, the candidate is required to satisfactorily complete the approved Courses in Safety and Pollution Prevention, and obtain the relevant Certificates of Proficiency as prescribed in Chapter VI of M.S. (STCW) Rules 2014, as per Table II/12-1 below:

Table II/12-1

Chapter VI Rule No.	STCW Reference	Name of Course Certificate of Proficiency	Course Details
57	A-VI/1-1	Personal Survival Techniques (PST)	Appendix VI/1A
57	A-VI/1-2	Fire Prevention and Fire Fighting (FP&FF)	Appendix VI/1B
57	A-VI/1-3	Elementary First Aid (EFA)	Appendix VI/1C
57	A-VI/1-4	Personal Safety and Social Responsibilities (PS&SR)	Appendix VI/1D

5. On completion of the approved sea-going service, the candidate is required to satisfactorily complete the approved 4-month NWKO NCV Competency Course. For details of this Course please refer to **Appendix II/7B**. In addition to the above Post-sea Courses, candidates are required to attend approved Courses in Safety, Pollution Prevention, and Security, and obtain the relevant Certificates of Proficiency as prescribed in Chapters II and VI of M.S. (STCW) Rules 2014, and described in Table II/12-2 below :

Table II/12-2

Chapter / Rule No.	STCW Reference	Name of Course Certificate of Proficiency	Course Details
Chap II Rule 31 (2d)	A-II/1	Radar Observer Simulator Course (ROSC)	Appendix II/1H
Chap II Rule 31 (2d)	A-II/1	Automatic Radar Plotting Aids (ARPA)	Appendix II/1J
Chap II Rule 31 (2d)	A-II/1 A-II/2	Electronic Chart Display and Information System (ECDIS)	Appendix II/1K
Chap IV Rule 51	A-VI/2	Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS)	Appendix IV/1
Chap VI Rule 58	A-VI/2-1	Proficiency in Survival Craft, Rescue Boats, <u>other than</u> Fast Rescue Boats (PSC-RB)	Appendix VI/2
Chap VI Rule 60	A-VI-3	Advanced Fire Fighting (AFF)	Appendix VI/3
Chap VI Rule 61	A-VI/4-1	Medical First Aid (MFA)	Appendix VI/4

6. Examination and assessment for the award of a Certificate of Competency as Officer In Charge of a Navigational Watch on ships of less than 500 gross tonnage (NWKO-NCV <500 GT) will be conducted as follows :

6.1 Scrutiny by assessment centre for satisfactory completion of the following :

- a) Approved pre-sea education and training (if undertaken)
- b) Approved sea-going service.

6.2 Satisfactory completion of Function: “Navigation at the Operational Level” as per NWKO (NCV) tables of competence contained in Appendix II/7B. This will include an approved Competency course followed by written, oral and visual signalling examination and assessment.

6.3 Satisfactory completion of Function: “Cargo Handling and Stowage at the Operational Level” as per NWKO (NCV) tables of competence contained in Appendix II/7B. This will include an approved Competency course followed by written and oral examination and assessment.

6.4 Satisfactory completion of Function: “Controlling the Operation of the Ship and Care of Persons on Board at the Operational Level” as per NWKO (NCV) tables of competence contained in Appendix II/7B. This will include an approved Competency course followed by written and oral examination and assessment.

6.5 Satisfactory completion of the following Proficiency Courses (to be done as per the eligibility criteria specified for each Course) :

- (a) Radar Observer Simulator Course as set out in Table A-II/1 of the STCW Code ;
- (b) ARPA Course, as set out in Table A-II/1 of the STCW Code ;
- (c) GMDSS Operator’s Course (GOC) as set out in section A-IV/2 of the STCW Code ;
- (d) ECDIS Training Course as set out in table A-II/1 and table A-II/2 of the STCW Code
- (e) Proficiency in Survival Craft and Rescue Boats as set out in section A-VI/2, paragraphs 1 to 4 of the STCW Code
- (f) Advanced Fire Fighting as set out in section A-VI/3 of the STCW Code ;
- (g) Medical First Aid as set out in section A-VI/4, paragraphs 1 to 3 of the STCW Code; and

7. 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.

8. A summary of the seagoing service, post-sea education and training, examination, assessment and certification is given in Flow Diagram No. II/12-1 below :

Flow Diagram No. II/12-1

