

Rule 33 : Ratings forming part of a navigational watch (R NW)

1. Every candidate for certification as a Rating forming part of a navigational watch on a sea-going ship of 500 gross tonnage or more shall be not less than 18 years of age and have a minimum educational qualification of 10th Standard Board exam (Matriculation).
2. The approved sea-going service as required by Rule 33 (2) (b) (i) of chapter II of M.S. (STCW) Rules 2014 shall be **not less than 15 months**.
3. Provided that the approved sea-going service may be reduced to **not less than 6 months**, if the candidate has successfully completed the approved pre-sea education and training Course for Ratings, as mentioned in Rule 33 (2) (b) (ii) of Chapter II of M.S. (STCW) Rules 2014. The details of the approved pre-sea education and training course are given in **Appendix II/14**.
4. Provided that in all cases, the approved sea-going service shall be associated with navigational watch-keeping functions and shall also involve the performance of duties carried out on board the ship under the direct supervision of the Master or the Officer in Charge of the Navigational Watch or a qualified Rating. An approved Rating Training Record Book (RTRB) shall be maintained for the on-board training received during the sea-going service.
5. The format of the approved Rating Training Record Book is given in **Appendix II/14A**. An authenticated copy of the same can be procured from recognized organizations/ training institutes/ SSTP providers as approved by the administration.
6. Ratings who have not undergone approved pre-sea training, and are not in possession of a duly completed Ratings Training Record Book (RTRB), or have performed their sea-going service in part or in full through non-RPSL Agencies, prior to 1st Jan 2015, are

required to undergo an examination for Watch-keeping Ratings after completing the required sea-going service.

7. Every Rating forming part of a navigational watch (R-NW) shall meet the standards of competence specified in section A-II/4 of the STCW Code. Assessment for the certificate of proficiency will be held as follows :
 - 7.1 Scrutiny by assessment centre of satisfactory completion of approved pre-sea training (if any) and approved sea-going service.
 - 7.2 Scrutiny by the assessment centre of satisfactory completion of the on-board training as per documentary evidence contained in the approved Rating Training Record Book (RTRB).
 - 7.3 If applicable, the successful completion of an Examination for Watch-keeping Ratings conducted by the Board of Examination of Seafarers Trust (BEST).
8. A summary of the pre-sea education and training, seagoing service and on-board training, assessment and certification for a Rating forming part of a navigational watch (R-NW) is given in Flow Diagram II/14-1 below :-

Flow Diagram II/14-1

Entry Stream	Deck Rating (1)	Deck Rating (2)	Deck Ratings (3)*
Educational Qualification	Matriculation (10th Std.)	Matriculation (10th Std.)	Matriculation (10th Std.)
Age (years)	18 or above	18 or above	18 or above
Medical fitness	As per Pre-Sea standards.	As per Pre-Sea standards	As per Pre-Sea standards
Pre-Sea Education and Training	• A-II/4 : Pre-Sea Ratings course (6 months) • A-VI/1-1 PST, • A-VI/1-2 FP & FF, • A-VI/1-3 EFA, • A-VI/1-4 PS & SR • A-VI/6-2 STSDSD	• A-VI/1-1 PST, • A-VI/1-2 FP & FF, • A-VI/1-3 EFA, • A-VI/1-4 PS & SR • A-VI/6-2 STSDSD	• A-VI/1-1 PST, • A-VI/1-2 FP & FF, • A-VI/1-3 EFA, • A-VI/1-4 PS & SR • A-VI/6-2 STSDSD

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Sea-going Service	6 months (includes on-board training, RTRB)	15 months (includes on-board training, RTRB)	15 months
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Post-Sea Assessment	Assessment of Sea Service Assessment of RTRB	Assessment of Sea Service Assessment of RTRB	Assessment of Sea Service Examination by BEST
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Certificate of Proficiency	Rating forming part of a navigational watch R-NW		
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*Note: Applications under the category 3 shall not be accepted after 31st Dec 2016.

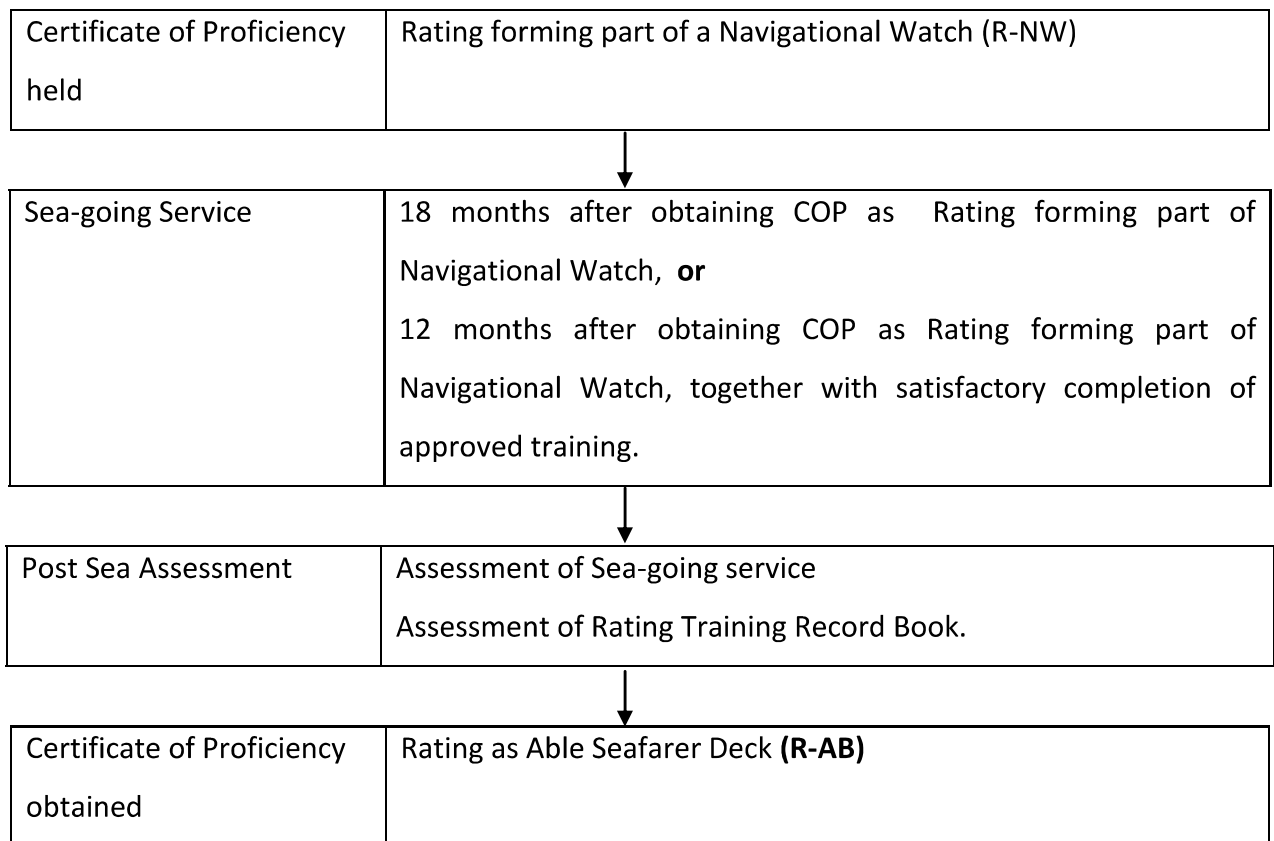
Rule 34 : Rating as Able Seafarer Deck.

1. Every candidate for certification as Able Seafarer Deck on a sea-going ship of 500 gross tonnage or more shall
 - be not less than 18 years of age and
 - have a minimum educational qualification of 10th standard Board exam (Matriculation), and
 - have obtained a certificate of proficiency as Rating forming part of a Navigational Watch (R-NW)
2. The approved sea-going service as required by Rule 34 (2) (b) (i) of Chapter II of M.S. (STCW) Rules 2014 shall be **not less than 18 months** in the Deck department, after certification as Rating forming part of a Navigational Watch.
3. Provided that the approved sea-going service may be reduced to **not less than 12 months**, if the candidate has successfully completed the approved training Course for Ratings, as mentioned in Rule 34 (2) (b) (ii) of Chapter II of M.S. (STCW) Rules 2014. The details of the approved training course are given in **Appendix II/15**.
4. Provided that in all cases, an approved Rating Training Record Book (RTRB) shall be maintained for the on-board training received during the sea-going service.
5. The format of the approved Rating Training Record Book is given in **Appendix II/14A**. An authenticated copy of the same can be procured from recognized organizations/ training institutes/ SSTP providers as approved by the administration.
6. Every Rating certified as an Able Seafarer Deck (R-AB) shall meet the standards of competence specified in section A-II/5 of the STCW Code. Assessment for the certificate of proficiency will be held as follows :
 - 6.1 Scrutiny by assessment centre of satisfactory completion of approved sea-going service, and approved training (if any)

6.2 Scrutiny by the assessment centre of satisfactory completion of the on-board training as per documentary evidence contained in the approved Rating Training Record Book (RTRB).

7. A summary of the seagoing service and on-board training, assessment and certification for a Able Seafarer Deck (R-AB) is given in Flow Diagram II/15-1 below :-

Flow Diagram II/15-1



8. Rating having served for a period of not less than 12 months within the last sixty months prior to 1st Jan 2012, in the capacity of AB in the deck department shall be eligible for certification as Able Seafarer Deck in accordance with Rule 34 (3).

Conversion of Personnel of Indian Navy, Coast Guard, and Inland Vessels to STCW compliant Officers / Ratings

(REF Rule 19: Personnel of Indian Navy, Coast Guard, and Inland Vessel.)

To be Notified

(This section is under revision)