



## Marine Notice 16/2012

### Changes to the format and renewal of AMSA Certificates of Safety Training (CoST)

The purpose of this Marine Notice is to draw the attention of ship operators, masters, officers and crew to changes to the format and renewal of AMSA Certificates of Safety Training (CoST).

#### New format for certificates

From August 2012, every AMSA CoST will be issued in a new credit card sized certificate. The front of the certificate will bear details and photo of the holder on a yellow background, and the back will bear details of the certificate.

The certificate has a number of security features to prevent tampering or fraudulent use. Some of these features include holograms and ultra violet printing; some of these security features are not visible to the naked eye. If required, AMSA will be able to verify the authenticity of any CoST, as is the current practice.

#### Renewing certificates issued under MO 3 Issue 6

All CoST certificates issued in accordance with Marine Orders Part 3 (MO 3) Issue 6 (the current version), will have an expiry date of 31 December 2016.

The reason for this is that MO 3 Issue 6 does not incorporate the latest amendments to the *International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW)*, known as the "Manila Amendments". MO 3 is currently under review, and MO 3 Issue 7 is intended to reflect the Manila Amendments, which will require the following in order to continue the validity of a CoST beyond 31 December 2016:

- Demonstration of ongoing competence in fire prevention and fire-fighting and personal survival techniques. Some of the required competencies

may be demonstrated on board an appropriate vessel, however certain competencies must be demonstrated in a controlled environment ashore.

- Certificate holders with no appropriate seagoing service in the five years preceding the expiry date of the CoST will be required to complete approved Basic Fire-fighting and Personal Survival Techniques courses in full.
- Certificate holders with appropriate seagoing service, including evidence of participation in onboard drills and training, on SOLAS-equipped vessels, will only be required to complete approved refresher training in these areas.
- Demonstration of completion of an approved Security Awareness Course (or meet transitional sea service requirements regarding security awareness).

#### Validity of other CoST certificates

An AMSA CoST of the A4 single page or yellow booklet type will expire on the expiry date shown on the document or, if the certificate has no expiry date, on 31 December 2016, whichever comes sooner. Validity of these certificates can be continued by meeting the STCW requirements outlined above.

Older A5 folding type certificates, the issue of which did not involve training to the full requirements of STCW, as amended, will also expire on 31 December 2016. Holders of these certificates will be required to meet the STCW requirements in full in order to be issued with a new style certificate.

#### CoST Certificates of Recognition

AMSA ceased issuing Certificates of Recognition with respect to any foreign Certificate of Safety Training or STCW equivalent certificates of basic safety training on 1 January 2012.

Any changes to the legislation (including updating of MO 3) and to the application or revalidation processes will be widely promulgated to unions, colleges and employers and will also be available on the AMSA website. For further information, please contact the Manager, Ship Operations & Qualifications, AMSA at [quals@amsa.gov.au](mailto:quals@amsa.gov.au).

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