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الى : دول العلم / دول الميناء / ملاك ومشغلي وربابنة وأطقم السفن و المنظمات المعترف بها  
الموضوع : تمديد شهادات معايير التدريب والخفارة (STCW) والشهادات ذات الصلة

TO : flag States, port States, vessel owners, operators, masters, crews and ROs

Subject : Further Extension of Standards of Training Certification and  
Watchkeeping (STCW) certificates and associated endorsements.

### The purpose

The purpose of this Circular is to inform Flag States, Port States, vessel owners, operators, masters , crews and ROs of the updated measures which have been taken by the Libyan Ports & Maritime Transport Authority (LP&MTA) to effectively further extend the duration of the below LP&MTA issued:

- Standards of Training Certification and Watchkeeping (STCW) certificates
- Endorsement of foreign certificates
- certificates of safety training and
- certificates of medical fitness

### Introduction

Due to the ongoing severity of COVID 19 Pandemic and the unresolved difficulties encountered by the seafarers concerning the revalidation of the STCW Certificates and also the challenges relating to repatriation of seafarers, therefore Libyan Ports & Maritime Transport Authority (LP&MTA) has decided to grant further extension of the (STCW) certificates and associated endorsements.

### Extension of Certificates of Medical Fitness

1. All Libyan seafarers who intend to serve on board Libyan flagged ships on/or after 01 April 2021 are require to hold valid Certificates of Medical Fitness since the recognized Medical Centers are currently facilitating the conduction of medical examination for seafarers.

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2. Seafarers who are currently serving on board Libyan flagged ships with their certificates expiring on / after 01 April 2021, (LP&MTA) has decided to grant further extension of the Certificates of Medical Fitness up to (3) months commencing from the expiry date.
3. Foreign seafarers who are currently serving on board Libyan flagged ships with their certificates expiring on/after 01 April 2021 (LP&MTA) will refer to the instructions of their Flag Administration concerning the extensions of Certificates of Medical Fitness provided that the extensions do not exceed (3) months.

#### Extension of STCW Certificates

STCW Certificates including Certificates of Competency (COCs), Certificates of proficiency (COPs) , a Certificates of ratings, a GMDSS radio operator certificate, a certificate of safety or a certificate of proficiency as marine cook which expire on/after 01 April 2021 are automatically extended until 30 September 2021.

Endorsements issued by (LP&MTA) for foreign seafarers currently serving on board Libyan flagged ships with their endorsements and certificates expiring on/after 01 April 2021, their endorsements are automatically extended for a period as prescribed by the the issuing Government provided that these extensions do not exceed the date 30 September 2021.

The extensions granted do not need any approval from (LP&MTA) or any application by seafarers and do not require any issuance of new certificates.

Ship Masters are required to carry copies of this Circular on board their ships and are to kept ready for presentation tp Port State Officials in foreign ports.

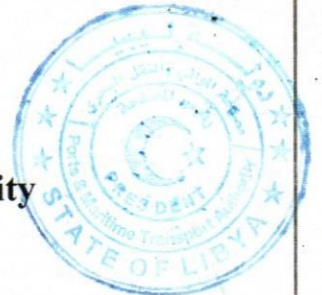
#### Extension Seafarers Documents

Libyan Seafarers who are currently serving on board Libyan flagged ships whose Seaman's Books expiring on/after 01 April 2021, the validity of these documents are automatically extended until 30 September 2021.

Should you require any further assistance or information, please contact LP&MTA  
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