

(Translation. Only the Faroese version has legal validity)

Executive Order No. 91 of 27 June 2018 on qualification requirements to manning on ships operating in polar waters

Under the provisions in section 10 subsection 1 and section 11 subsection 1 in Parliamentary Act No. 63 of 3 July 1998 on Manning of Ships, as amended by Parliamentary Act No. 75 of 25 May 2009 and Parliamentary Act No. 52 of 12 May 2015 and following consultation with the shipowner- and seafarer organisations, the following shall be laid down:

Definitions

Section 1. In this executive order, the following definitions shall apply:

- 1) The Polar Code: the International Code of Safety for Ships operating in polar waters, cf. chapter XIV on safety measures for ships operating in polar waters in executive order from the Faroese Maritime Authority on construction – and equipment, etc. of ships (Notice B)
- 2) Polar waters: Waters in Arctic and the Antarctic area, cf. definition in chapter XIV on safety measures for ships operating in polar waters in executive order from the Faroese Maritime Authority on construction – and equipment, etc. of ships (Notice B)
- 3) STCW: the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for seafarers.

Service on board ships operating in polar waters

Section 2. Masters, chief mates and other officers who are in charge of the bridge watch duty shall hold a valid certificate of proficiency to ships operating in polar waters, as set out in the Polar Code.

Subsection 2. Masters and chief mates shall hold a valid certificate of proficiency in management to ships operating in polar waters, as set out in the polar code.

Certificate of proficiency to ships operating in polar waters

Section 3. In order to acquire a certificate of proficiency to ships operating in polar waters, the applicant shall:

- 1) hold a health certificate for seafarers valid for the service for which the certificate of proficiency entitles the holder, and
- 2) have passed an approved basic training course for service on ships operating in polar waters pursuant to STCW Reg. A-V/4, section 1 within 5 years prior to the date of issue of the certificate of proficiency

Certificate of proficiency in the management of ships operating in polar waters

Section 4. In order to acquire a certificate of proficiency in the management of ships operating in polar waters, the applicant shall fulfil the requirements in section 3 and shall:

- 1) hold a health certificate for seafarers valid for the service for which the certificate of proficiency in management entitles the holder,
- 2) have passed an advanced training course for service on ships operating in polar waters within 5 years prior to the date of issue of the certificate of proficiency in management and
- 3) have completed 2 months seagoing service on ships operating in polar waters or have completed other similar seagoing service as master and navigation officer.

Issuance and validity

Section 5. The Faroese Maritime Authority issues certificates pursuant to section 3 and section 4, cf however subsection 4. The certificate is issued in a format authorised by the Faroese Maritime Authority.

Subsection 2. Certificates pursuant to sections 3 and 4 have a validity of 5 years from the date of issue.

Subsection 3. Certificates may be renewed 6 months before the expiry of an existing certificate, at the earliest.

Subsection 4. The Faroese Maritime Authority may authorize other persons or institutions to issue certificates according to sections 3 and 4.

Renewal of certificates

Section 6. In order to renew a certificate pursuant to section 3 and section 4, the applicant is required to hold a health certificate valid for the service for which the certificate entitles the holder, and either have:

- 1) completed 2 months seagoing service within the last 5 years in a duty where certificate pursuant to this executive order is required, or
- 2) have passed a relevant course for having the certificate renewed.

Entry into force

Section 7. This executive order comes into force 1 July 2018.

Transitional provisions

Section 8. Until 1 July 2018 the applicant may be exempted from the requirement on course pursuant to section 3, no. 2 if he has:

- 1) completed 3 months seagoing service on ships operating in polar waters, or has completed other similar seagoing service between 1 July 2013 and 1 July 2018, as master and navigation officer , or
- 2) has passed approved training course which complies with the regulations in STCW Reg B-V/g.

Section 9. Until 1 July 2020 the applicant may be exempted from the requirements pursuant to section 4, no. 2 and 3 if he has:

- 1) completed 3 months seagoing service on ships operating in polar waters, or has completed other similar seagoing service between 1 July 2013 and 1 July 2018, as master or chief mate , or
- 2) completed 2 months seagoing service on ships operating in polar waters, between 1 July 2013 and 1 July 2018, as a master and navigation officer, and has passed approved training course which complies with the regulations in STCW Reg B-V/g

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