

(Translation. Only the Faroese version has legal validity)

Executive order No. 48 of 30 April 2019 on discharge books as amended by executive order No. 137 of 11 August 2025

Under the provisions in section 68 and in section 71 subsection 2 in Parliamentary Act No. 4 of 15 January 1988 on seafarers condition of employment etc, as amended by Parliamentary Act No. 32 of 28 April 2009 and Parliamentary Act No. 71 of 30 May 2011, the following shall be laid down:

Section 1. A Faroese discharge book documents that the holder is a Faroese seafarer in accordance with the guidelines of ILO Convention No. 108 on Seafarers' National Identity Documents, 1958.

Subsection 2. The Faroese Maritime Authority issues discharge books.

Section 2. In order to acquire a Faroese discharge book, the applicant shall:

- 1) be a Faroese citizen, and
- 2) have reached the age of 16, cf however subsection 2.

Subsection 2. Persons below the age of 18 shall have a written consent from the custodial parent that they may serve at sea.

Subsection 3. The discharge book may, in special cases, be issued to persons who are doing service on board Faroese registered vessels even though the persons concerned do not fulfil the requirement in subsection 1, no .1

Section 3. Application for discharge book shall be submitted to the Faroese Maritime Authority. A specific application form shall be used when applying for discharge book.

Section 4. Upon the seafarer's request, the master shall fill in and sign the seafarer's discharge book with the necessary endorsements.

Subsection 2. The discharge book shall be legible. Names of ships and cities shall not be abbreviated.

Subsection 3. As regards positions covered by the ship's minimum safe manning document, only the designations of positions given in the minimum safe manning document shall be used.

Subsection 4. The seagoing service shall be filled in as service on board the vessel.

Subsection 5. In cases where a seafarer is not on board when the ship departs, this shall not be evident from the endorsement. Irrespective for the reason for the seafarer not showing up, the

endorsement shall be furnished with the date of the absence, as is the case in connection with normal signing off.

Subsection 6. Pursuant to section 71 subsection 3 in the Parliamentary Act no information may be given in the discharge book on the seafarer's manners when in service, nor any information on punishment which concerns the seafarer in question.

Subsection 7. Only the master who has filled in the discharge book, or the Faroese Maritime Authority is allowed to make corrections in the discharge book.

Section 5 ¹⁾. The fee for a discharge book is DKK 645. If the discharge book is to be sent by mail, additional postage is required.

Section 6. Violation of section 4 shall be punishable by a fine.

Subsection 2. Companies and other legal persons may incur criminal liability pursuant to the provisions of chapter 5 of the penal code.

Section 7. This executive order comes into force the day after it has been promulgated. At the same time executive order No. 114 of 7 September 2009 on discharge books is made void.

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¹⁾ Amended by executive order no. 137 of 11 August 2025.