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To whom it may concern,

Subject: Mandatory minimum requirements for certification of ratings forming part of a navigational watch and ratings forming part of an engineering watch, who followed a STCW modular course.

1. Mandatory minimum requirements for certification of **ratings forming part of a navigational watch** on a seagoing ship of 500GT or more, who followed a modular course II/4:
 - Certificate of a **course II/4** (*) accredited by the Belgian Maritime Administration;
 - **Approved seagoing service** of not less than 2 months with a **Cadet Training Record Book** (CTRB for rating deck). The approved seagoing service shall start after the course II/4.
At least one month of the 2 months required seagoing service has to be served on a seagoing ship of 500GT or more (and maximum one month on a seagoing ship of less than 500GT).
As an **alternative**, 6 months of seagoing service without a CTRB. The same principle is applicable that at least 50% of the seagoing service must be performed on a ship of 500GT or more.
2. Mandatory minimum requirements for certification of **ratings forming part of an engineering watch** on a seagoing ship powered by main propulsion of 750kW or more, who followed a modular course III/4:
 - Certificate of a **course III/4** (*) accredited by the Belgian Maritime Administration;
 - **Approved seagoing service** of not less than 2 months with a **Cadet Training Record Book** (CTRB for ratings engine). The approved seagoing service shall start after the course III/4.
At least one month of the 2 months required seagoing service has to be served on a seagoing ship with a propulsion power of 750kW or more (and maximum one month on a seagoing ship with a propulsion power of less than 750kW).
As an **alternative**, 6 months of seagoing service without a CTRB. The same principle is applicable that at least 50% of the seagoing service must be performed on a ship with a propulsion power of 750kW or more.

Training institutes and shipping companies can order the Cadet Training Record Books through <http://mntb.org.uk/training-record-books/>.

* The institutes or training centres, accredited by the Belgian Maritime Administration for courses II/4 and III/4 may be found on https://mobilit.belgium.be/nl/scheepvaart/erkenning_instellingen/maritieme_opleiding

Questions can be directed to the Belgian Maritime Administration (stcw95@mobilit.fgov.be).

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