



# TUVALU SHIP REGISTRY

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## MARINE CIRCULAR

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**FOR:** Ship Owners, Ship Managers, Ship Operators, Ship Masters, and sShip Officers

**SUBJECT: ENDORSEMENT/RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN MARITIME ADMINISTRATION' CERTIFICATES OF COMPETENCY**

### **DEFINITIONS:**

The following abbreviations stand for:

- "STCW" - International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978, as amended
- "COC" - Certificate of Competency issued under STCW
- "COE" - Certificate of Endorsement / Recognition as per STCW I/10
- "OOW" - Officer in charge of a Navigation Watch
- "OEW" - Officer in charge of an Engineering Watch

The term "Administration" shall mean the Tuvalu Ship Registry.

### **PURPOSE:**

This circular lists the foreign maritime administrations whose COCs are endorsed/recognized by this Administration in accordance with STCW I/10.

### **REFERENCES:**

- (a) STCW as amended
- (b) Tuvalu Registry Circular RC-5/2012/1 – Crew Endorsement Application

### **APPLICATION:**

This circular applies to all officers serving on Tuvalu-flagged ships.

**CONTENTS:**

The table below lists the foreign maritime administrations whose COCs are recognized and eligible to be endorsed by this Administration:

ARGENTINA	GERMANY	NEW ZEALAND
AUSTRALIA	GHANA	NORWAY
AZERBAIJAN	GREECE	PAKISTAN
BAHAMAS	HUNGARY	PAPUA NEW GUINEA
BANGLADESH	HONG KONG SAR, CHINA	PHILIPPINES
BELGIUM	ICELAND	POLAND
BRAZIL	INDIA	PORTUGAL
BULGARIA	INDONESIA	ROMANIA
CANADA	IRELAND	SINGAPORE
CHILE	ITALY	SLOVENIA
CHINA	IVORY COAST	SOUTH AFRICA
CROATIA	JAMAICA	SOUTH KOREA, ROK
CYPRUS	JAPAN	SPAIN
CZECH REPUBLIC	JORDAN	SRI LANKA
DENMARK	KENYA	SWEDEN
EGYPT	LATVIA	THAILAND
ESTONIA	LITHUANIA	TUNISIA
ETHIOPIA	MALAYSIA	TURKIYE
FIJI	MALTA	UKRAINE
FINLAND	MEXICO	UNITED KINGDOM
FRANCE	MYANMAR	UNITED STATES
GEORGIA	NETHERLANDS	VIETNAM

Deputy Registrar  
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**APPENDIX**  
**RECOGNITION OF COCs BY FOREIGN MARITIME ADMINISTRATIONS**  
**NOT LISTED UNDER TUVALU MARINE CIRCULAR MC-1/2025/1**

1. In addition to the documents specified in Section C.3.5.3 of Tuvalu Registry Circular RC-5/2012/1, applications for Tuvalu Crew Endorsements for officers who hold STCW CoCs not listed under Tuvalu Marine Circular MC-1/2025/1 will be required to submit sea service record according to the table below.
2. Notwithstanding the above, the Tuvalu Administration reserves the right to not recognize STCW CoCs that are not listed under Tuvalu Marine Circular MC-1/2025/1.
3. Effective from 01 November 2025.

Type of Certificate	Criteria for Recognition	Otherwise
<b>Deck Department</b>		
Class II/1 OOW more than 500 GT	1 Year with training record book	3 years
Class II/2 Chief Mate	1 Year as an OOW	N/A
Class II/2 Master	3 years as an OOW or 2 years (1 year as an OOW and 1 year as a Chief mate)	N/A
<b>Engine Department</b>		
Class III/1 OEW	1 year service in Engine Department	30 months of on-board training & education with training record book
Class III/2: Second Engineer (3000kW and more)	1 year as an OEW	N/A
Class III/2: Chief Engineer (3000 kW and more)	3 years as an OEW <b>or</b> 2 Years (1 year as an OEW and 1 year as a 2/E (1/E in some countries))	N/A
Class III/3: Second Engineer (750 kW and 3000kW)	1 year as an OEW	N/A
Class III/3: Chief Engineer (750 kW and 3000kW)	2 Years (1 year as an OEW and 1 year as a 2/E (1/E in some countries))	N/A