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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1970 No. 294**

**MERCHANT SHIPPING**

**MASTERS AND SEAMEN**

**The Merchant Shipping (Certificates of  
Competency As A.B.) Regulations 1970**

*Made - - - - 12th February 1970*

*Coming into Operation 16th March 1970*

**THE MERCHANT SHIPPING (CERTIFICATES OF  
COMPETENCY AS A.B.) REGULATIONS 1970**

*Operation and citation*

1. These Regulations shall come into operation on 16th March 1970...

*Interpretation and Revocation*

2. (1) The Interpretation Act 1889 shall apply to the interpretation...

*Prescribed dates*

3. The prescribed dates for the purposes of section 5(1), (5)...

*Conditions for the grant of certificates of competency*

4. A certificate of competency shall not be granted to any...

*Application for examination*

5. Subject to the following Regulation— (1) a person shall not...
6. The examination referred to in condition (1)(c) of Regulation 4...

*Application for certificates of competency*

7. (1) Without prejudice to the provisions of Regulation 5(6), a...

*Qualifying service at sea*

8. (1) Qualifying service at sea for the purposes of Regulations...

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*Reduction of qualifying service at sea*

9. (1) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (3) of this...

*Lost or destroyed certificates*

10. (1) If a certificate of competency is lost or destroyed,...

*Forgery of certificates*

11. The provisions of section 104 of the principal Act (which...

*Fees*

12. The fees specified in Schedule 3 to these Regulations shall...  
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SCHEDULE 1 — SYLLABUS FOR EXAMINATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF  
COMPETENCY AS A.B

*Nautical knowledge*

1. The meaning of common nautical terms.
2. The names and functions of various parts of a ship,...
3. Knowledge of the compass card 0° to 360°. Ability to...
4. Reading, streaming and handing a patent log.
5. Markings on a hand lead line, taking a case of...
6. Marking of the anchor cable.
7. Understanding helm orders.
8. The use of lifesaving and fire fighting appliances.

*Practical work*

Tested as far as possible by practical demonstration.

9. Knots, hitches and bends in common use:— Reef knot Bowline...
10. Splicing plaited and multi-strand manila and synthetic fibre rope, eye...
11. Slings a stage, rigging a bosun's chair and pilot ladder...
12. Rigging a derrick. Driving a winch, general precautions to be...
13. The use and operation of a windlass in anchor work...
14. A knowledge of the gear used in cargo work and...
15. The safe handling of hatch covers including mechanical hatch covers;...
16. If no lifeboatman's certificate is held, a candidate will be...

SCHEDULE 2 — TRAINING SCHOOLS AND ESTABLISHMENTS  
PART I — NAUTICAL TRAINING SCHOOLS  
PART 2 — TRAINING SCHOOLS

SCHEDULE 3 — FEES

Explanatory Note