

# **The Merchant Shipping (Certificates Of Competency) Rules, 1961**

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### **Rule**

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G.S.R. 1510, dated 18th December, 1961. - In exercise of the powers conferred by Cl. (e) of Section 87 read with Section 81 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958 (44 of 1958), and in supersession of all previous rules and orders on the subject, the Central Government hereby makes the following rules, namely :-

### **1. Short title and Commencement.**

(1)These rules may be called the Merchant Shipping (Certificates of Competency) Rules, 1961.(2)They shall come into force at once.

### **2. Definitions.**

- In these rules,--(a)"Act" means the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958;(b)"certificate" means a certificate of competency.

### 3. Form of Certificates.

- A certificate of competency for any grade shall be in the appropriate form set out in the Schedule.

### 4. Certificates to be numbered.

- All certificates in any one grade shall be numbered serially and prefixed by identifying letters allotted by the Director General of Shipping.

### 5. Record of duplicate copies.

(1) Every certificate shall be made in duplicate, the original delivered to the person entitled to it and the duplicate kept in the office of the Director General, a note of all orders referred to in Section 82 of the Act being entered in the duplicate copy. (2) The particulars of every certificate issued under these rules and a note of all orders made for cancelling, suspending, altering or otherwise affecting any certificate shall be entered in a register kept for the purpose.

## Schedule

Government Of India Certificate Of Competency As No

..... Master Of A Foreign-Going Ship To

..... Whereas you have been found duly qualified to fulfil the duties of MASTER of a Foreign-going ship in the Merchant Navy, the Central Government in exercise of its powers under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958 (44 of 1958) and of all other powers enabling it in this behalf hereby grants you this Certificate of Competency. Dated this ..... day of ..... 19 ..... Countersigned.

Registered in the Directorate General of Shipping, Bombay      Director General of Shipping.

Signature of the person to whom this certificate is issued

..... Date of birth

..... Place of birth

..... This Certificate is given upon an Examination passed at ..... on the

..... day of ..... 19 ..... Issued at the port of ..... on the

..... day of ..... 19 ..... Principal

Officer, Mercantile Marine Department. Additional Qualifications Notes : (1) A certificate which has been cancelled or suspended should be delivered up as required by Section 378 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958; any person who fails to do so shall be punishable with fine which may extend to Rs. 500/-. (2) Any person other than the holder of a certificate who comes into possession thereof is requested to transmit it forthwith to the Principal Officer, Mercantile Marine Department, Bombay/Calcutta. Issued by the Govt. of India Government Of India Certificate Of Competency As No

..... First Mate Of A Foreign-Going Ship To

.....Whereas you have been found duly qualified to fulfil the duties of  
FIRST MATE of a Foreign-going ship in the Merchant Navy, the Central Government in exercise of  
its powers under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958 (44 of 1958) and of all other powers enabling it in  
this behalf hereby grants you this Certificate of Competency.Dated this

..... day of ..... 19 .....Countersigned.

Registered in the Directorate General of Shipping, Bombay     Director General of Shipping.

Signature of the person to whom this certificate is issued

.....Date of Birth

.....Place of Birth

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requested to transmit it forthwith to the Principal Officer, Mercantile Marine Department,  
Bombay/Calcutta. Issued by the Govt. of India Government Of India Certificate Of Competency As No

.....Second Mate Of A Foreign-Going Ship To

.....Whereas you have been found duly qualified to fulfil the duties of  
SECOND MATE of a Foreign-going ship in the Merchant Navy, the Central Government in exercise  
of its powers under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958 (44 of 1958) and of all other powers enabling it  
in this behalf hereby grants you this Certificate of Competency.Dated this

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Registered in the Directorate General of Shipping, Bombay     Director General of Shipping.

Signature of the person to whom this certificate is issued

.....Date of Birth

.....Place of Birth

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Bombay/Calcutta. Issued by the Govt. of India Government Of India Certificate Of Competency As No

.....Master Of A Home-Trade Ship To

.....Whereas you have been found duly qualified to fulfil the duties of MASTER  
of a HOME-TRADE ship in the Merchant Navy, the Central Government in exercise of its powers

under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958 (44 of 1958) and of all other powers enabling it in this behalf hereby grants you this Certificate of Competency. Dated this ..... day of ..... 19 ..... Countersigned.

Registered in the Directorate General of Shipping, Bombay      Director General of Shipping.

Signature of the person to whom this certificate is issued

..... Date of Birth

..... Place of Birth

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Mate Of A

Home-Trade Ship To ..... Whereas you have been found duly qualified to fulfil the duties of MATE of a HOME-TRADE ship in the Merchant Navy, the Central Government in exercise of its powers under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958 (44 of 1958) and of all other powers enabling it in this behalf hereby grants you this Certificate of Competency. Dated this

..... day of ..... 19 ..... Countersigned.

Registered in the Directorate General of Shipping, Bombay      Director General of Shipping.

Signature of the person to whom this certificate is issued

..... Date of Birth

..... Place of Birth

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First Class Engineer Of A Steam Ship To

..... Whereas you have been found duly qualified to fulfil the duties of FIRST CLASS ENGINEER of a Steam Ship in the Merchant Navy, the Central Government in exercise of its powers under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958 (44 of 1958) and of all other powers enabling it in this behalf hereby grants you this Certificate of Competency. Dated this ..... day

of ..... 19 ..... Countersigned.

Registered in the Directorate General of Shipping, Bombay      Director General of Shipping.

Signature of the person to whom this certificate is issued

..... Date of Birth

..... Place of Birth

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..... First Class Engineer Of A Motor Ship To

..... Whereas you have been found duly qualified to fulfil the duties of FIRST CLASS ENGINEER of a Motor Ship in the Merchant Navy, the Central Government in exercise of its powers under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958 (44 of 1958) and of all other powers enabling it in this behalf hereby grants you this Certificate of Competency. Dated this

..... day of ..... 19

..... Countersigned. Registered in the Directorate General of Shipping, Shipping, Bombay. Signature of the person to whom this certificate is issued

..... Date of Birth

..... Place of Birth

..... This Certificate is

given upon an Examination passed at ..... on the

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Officer, Mercantile Marine Department Additional Qualifications Notes : (1) A certificate which has been cancelled or suspended should be delivered up as required by Section 378 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958; any person who fails to do so shall be punishable with fine which may extend to Rs. 500/-. (2) Any person other than the holder of a certificate who comes into possession thereof is requested to transmit it forthwith to the Principal Officer, Mercantile Marine Department, Bombay/Calcutta. Issued by the Govt. of India Government Of India Certificate Of Competency As No

..... First Class Engineer Of A Steam Ship And Motor

Ship To Whereas you have been found duly qualified to fulfil the duties of FIRST CLASS ENGINEER of a Steam Ship and Motor Ship in the Merchant Navy, the Central Government in exercise of its powers under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958 (44 of 1958) and of all other powers enabling it in this behalf hereby grants you this Certificate of Competency. Dated this

..... day of ..... 19 ..... Countersigned.

Registered in the Directorate General of Shipping, Bombay      Director General of Shipping.

Signature of the person to whom this certificate is issued

.....Date of Birth  
.....Place of Birth  
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requested to transmit it forthwith to the Principal Officer, Mercantile Marine Department,  
Bombay/Calcutta.Issued by the Govt. of IndiaGovernment Of IndiaCertificate Of CompetencyAsNo  
.....Second Class Engineer Of A Steam ShipToWhereas you  
have been found duly qualified to fulfil the duties of SECOND CLASS ENGINEER of a Steam Ship in  
the Merchant Navy, the Central Government in exercise of its powers under the Merchant Shipping  
Act, 1958 (44 of 1958) and of all other powers enabling it in this behalf hereby grants you this  
Certificate of Competency.Dated this ..... day of  
.....19 .....Countersigned.

Registered in the Directorate General of Shipping, Bombay Director General of Shipping.

Signature of the person to whom this certificate is issued

.....Date of Birth  
.....Place of Birth  
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Bombay/Calcutta.Issued by the Govt. of IndiaGovernment Of IndiaCertificate Of CompetencyAsNo  
.....Second Class Engineer Of A Motor ShipTo  
.....Whereas you have been found duly qualified to fulfil the duties of SECOND  
CLASS ENGINEER of a Motor ship in the Merchant Navy, the Central Government in exercise of its  
powers under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958 (44 of 1958) and of all other powers enabling it in  
this behalf hereby grants you this Certificate of Competency.Dated this .....  
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Registered in the Directorate General of Shipping, Bombay Director General of Shipping.

Signature of the person to whom this certificate is issued

.....Date of Birth

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Engineer Of A Steam Ship And Motor ShipTo .....Whereas you have been found  
duly qualified to fulfil the duties of SECOND CLASS ENGINEER of a Steam ship and Motor Ship in  
the Merchant Navy, the Central Government in exercise of its powers under the Merchant Shipping  
Act, 1958 (44 of 1958) and of all other powers enabling it in this behalf hereby grants you this  
Certificate of Competency.Dated this ..... day of  
..... 19 .....Countersigned.  
Registered in the DirectorateGeneral of Shipping, Bombay DirectorGeneral of Shipping.  
Signature of the person to whom this certificate is issued

.....Date of Birth  
.....Place of Birth  
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Bombay/Calcutta.Issued by the Govt. of IndiaGovernment Of IndiaCertificate Of CompetencyAsNo  
.....Engine Driver Of A Sea-Going Steam ShipToWhereas  
you have been found duly qualified to fulfil the duties of ENGINE DRIVER of a Sea-going Steam  
Ship having engines not exceeding Fifty Nominal Horse-power, the Central Government in exercise  
of its powers under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958 (44 of 1958) and of all other powers enabling it  
in this behalf hereby grants you this Certificate of Competency.....Dated this  
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Registered in the DirectorateGeneral of Shipping, Bombay DirectorGeneral of Shipping.  
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IndiaCertificate Of CompetencyAsNo .....Engine Driver Of A  
Sea-Going Motor ShipToWhereas you have been found duly qualified to fulfil the duties of ENGINE  
DRIVER of a Sea-going Motor Ship having engines not exceeding 282 Brake Horse-power, the  
Central Government in exercise of its powers under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958 (44 of 1958)  
and of all other powers enabling it in this behalf hereby grants you this Certificate of  
Competency.Dated this ..... day of ..... 19  
.....Countersigned.

Registeredin theDirectorateGeneral of Shipping,Bombay DirectorGeneral of Shipping.  
Signature of the person to whom this certificate is issued

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requested to transmit it forthwith to the Principal Officer, Mercantile Marine Department,  
Bombay/Calcutta.Issued by the Govt. of IndiaGovernment Of IndiaCertificate Of CompetencyAsNo  
.....Skipper Of A Fishing VesselTo .....  
Whereas you have been found duly qualified to fulfil the duties of SKIPPER of a Fishing Vessel, the  
Central Government in exercise of its powers under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958 (44 of 1958)  
and of all other powers enabling it in this behalf hereby grants you this Certificate of  
Competency.Dated this ..... day of .....19  
.....Countersigned.

Registeredin theDirectorateGeneral of Shipping,Bombay DirectorGeneral of Shipping.  
Signature of the person to whom this certificate is issued

.....Date of Birth  
.....Place of Birth  
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Bombay/Calcutta. Issued by the Govt. of IndiaGovernment Of IndiaCertificate Of CompetencyAsNo  
.....Second Hand Of A Fishing VesselToWhereas you have  
been found duly qualified to fulfil the duties of SECOND HAND of a Fishing Vessel, the Central  
Government in exercise of its powers under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958 (44 of 1958) and of all  
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..... day of ..... 19 .....Countersigned.  
Registered in the DirectorateGeneral of Shipping, Bombay DirectorGeneral of Shipping.  
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Bombay/Calcutta. [Government Of India [Substituted by G.S.R. 658, dated 6th June,  
1973.] Certificate Of CompetencyAsNo .....Engineer Of A Fishing Vessel  
Propelled By Internal Combustion Engines OnlyToWhereas you have been found duly qualified to  
fulfil the duties of an ENGINEER of a Fishing Vessel propelled by Internal Combustion Engines, the  
Central Government in exercise of its powers under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958 (44 of 1958)  
and of all other powers enabling it in this behalf hereby grants you this Certificate of  
Competency. Dated this ..... day of ..... 19  
.....Countersigned.  
Registered in the DirectorateGeneral of Shipping, Bombay DirectorGeneral of Shipping.  
Signature of the person to whom this certificate is issued  
.....Date of Birth  
.....Place of Birth  
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Bombay/Calcutta. Issued by the Govt. of India Government Of India Certificate Of Competency As No  
..... Engine Driver Of A Fishing Vessel Propelled By Internal  
Combustion Engines To Whereas you have been found duly qualified to fulfil the duties of ENGINE  
DRIVER of a Fishing Vessel propelled by Internal Combustion Engines not exceeding 282 Brake  
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