**Ghana Maritime Authority**

**Ship Registry**

URL: <https://ghanamaritime.org/home/ship-registry/#procedure-ship-registration>

**Seafarers**

The Ghana Maritime Authority (GMA) is responsible for the training and certification of Ghanaian Seafarers in accordance with the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification, and Watch keeping for Seafarers (STCW) 1978 as amended. The STCW Convention establishes the minimum basic requirements on training, certification, and watch keeping for seafarers internationally. The Convention has been incorporated into Ghanaian law by the [Ghana Shipping (Standards of Training, Certification, and Watch keeping) for Seafarers, 2016, LI 2226.](https://ghanamaritime.org/web/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Legislative-Instrument-1790-Merchant-Shipping-Training-Certificate-and-Watch-Keeping_2.pdf)

Seafarers desirous of obtaining valid Ghanaian Certificates of Competency (CoC) are thus, required to meet the minimum basic requirements of the STCW Convention incorporated into Ghanaian law through the Ghana Shipping (Standards on Training, Certification, and Watch keeping for Seafarers) Regulations, 2016, L.I. 2229. In pursuance of this, GMA conducts examinations and issues CoC to seafarers trained at approved Maritime Education and Training Institutions (METIs). The Authority currently has one approved METI, namely the Regional Maritime University. The Authority has also undertaken an action in relation to Regulation I/10 of the STCW Convention on mutual recognition of certificates, culminating in Memoranda of Understanding with 34 major ship owning countries. This means that Seafarers with Ghanaian CoC have a variety of ships and countries to work with.

URL: <https://ghanamaritime.org/home/seafarers-training/>

**Seafarers Certification**

An STCW certificate means a certificate issued under the [International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification, and watch keeping for seafarers (STCW) 1978](https://www.imo.org/en/OurWork/HumanElement/Pages/STCW-Convention.aspx) as amended. It includes certificates of competency, endorsements, certificates of proficiency, and any documentary evidence showing that a requirement of the convention has been met. Certificates are important as they are the main evidence that proves one’s level of maritime education and training, length of service at sea, professional competence, medical fitness, and age meets the requirement of the STCW standards. Ghana as a party to the convention has to ensure that certificates are only issued to those seafarers who meet the STCW requirements.

URL: <https://ghanamaritime.org/home/seafarers-certification/>

**Statues and Acts**

Ghana Shipping (Protection of Offshore Operations and Assets) Regulations, 2012

URL: <https://ghanamaritime.org/home/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Ghana-Shipping-Protection-of-Offshore-Operations-and-Assets-Regulations-2012-LI-2010_2.pdf>