

Order on course and refresher course in the operation of fast rescue boats¹

In pursuance of section 18(1)(i) and (iii), section 24b, section 25(4), section 25b(1) and (2), section 27(3) and section 28(5) of the act on the manning of ships (*lov om skibes besætning*), cf. consolidated act no. 74 of 17 February 2014, and following consultation with the shipowner and seafarer organisations and by authority, the following provisions are laid down:

Purpose

Section 1. The purpose of this order is to lay down the requirements for issuing certificates of proficiency in the operation of fast rescue boats as well as the requirements for maintaining one's competences in performing the tasks, obligations and responsibilities stipulated in annex 1, cf. the A Code, part VI/2, paragraph 7-12, table A-VI/2-2 of the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978, as amended (the STCW Convention).

Aim

Section 2. The purpose of the course and the refresher course is for the course participant to acquire the knowledge, understanding and skills in the operation of fast rescue boats so that the course participant meets the training requirements in accordance with annex 1.

Participant requirements

Section 3. In order to participate in the course on the operation of fast rescue boats, the course participant shall hold:

- 1) a certificate of proficiency in the operation of lifeboats, liferafts and rescue boats and
- 2) a valid health certificate for seafarers and fishermen.

¹ This order contains provisions implementing parts of directive 2008/106/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 November 2008 on the minimum level of training of seafarers, Official Journal 2008, no. L 323, page 33, as amended by directive 2012/35/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 November 2012 amending directive 2008/106/EC on the minimum level of training of seafarers, Official Journal 2012, no. L 343, page 78.

Course providers, equipment requirements and instructor qualifications

Section 4. Course providers shall have been approved by the Danish Maritime Authority in accordance with the order on approval and quality assurance, etc. of maritime training programmes.

Subsection 2. Course providers shall, on the basis of the purposes of the courses stipulated in annex 1, determine the more detailed planning of the courses, including the duration of the courses, in consideration of the course participants' qualifications.

Section 5. Course providers shall ensure that the relevant equipment for practical exercises and demonstration is available for courses, including:

- 1) fast rescue boat,
- 2) boat crane arrangement for launching a fast rescue boat,
- 3) the navigation and safety equipment that is normally available in fast rescue boats,
- 4) immersion suits, and
- 5) communication and signalling equipment for communication between the fast rescue boat and ship and helicopter.

Section 6. Course providers shall ensure that the instructors have the qualifications necessary to hold the courses mentioned. This shall include both professional qualifications and instruction/teaching qualifications.

Maintaining competences

Section 7. The company and the master of the ship shall ensure that seafarers engaged or employed on board who have been assigned tasks requiring the holding of a certificate of proficiency in the operation of fast rescue boats, cf. the A Code, part A-VI/2, paragraph 10, of the STCW Convention, at least every five years document having maintained their competences as stipulated in annex 1.

Subsection 2. With a view to maintaining the level of competences required in pursuance of part VI/2-12 of the A Code of the STCW Convention, on-board training may take place within the following areas:

- 1) Take charge of a fast rescue boat during and after launching:
 - a) Control safe launching and recovery of a fast rescue boat.
 - b) Operate a fast rescue boat in prevailing weather and sea conditions.
 - c) Use communications and signalling equipment between the fast rescue boat and a helicopter and a ship.
 - d) Use the emergency equipment carried.
 - e) Carry out search patterns, taking account of environmental patterns.

Subsection 3. If the seafarer has, within the last five years and for at least 12 months, been assigned tasks requiring a certificate of proficiency in the operation of fast rescue boats, the competences stipulated in subsection 2 shall be considered to have been maintained.

Refresher courses

Section 8. Providers of refresher courses shall have been approved by the Danish Maritime Authority in accordance with the order on the approval and quality assurance, etc. of maritime training programmes.

Subsection 2. Course providers shall, on the basis of the purposes of the course stipulated in annex 1 determine the more detailed course planning, including the duration of the courses, in consideration of the participants' qualifications.

Subsection 3. Course providers shall ensure that refresher courses meet the current requirements for equipment and instructor qualifications as regards courses in the operation of fast rescue boats.

Certificates of proficiency and registration

Section 9. Course providers shall issue certificates of proficiency to course participants who have demonstrated competences as stipulated in annex 1 in connection with a course. Certificates of proficiency in pursuance of this order shall be issued with a validity of up to five years from the date of issue.

Subsection 2. Certificates of proficiency shall be drawn up as shown in annex 2.

Subsection 3. Course providers shall inform the Danish Maritime Authority about all courses completed by means of the Danish Maritime Authority's system for digital reporting of examination and course results.

Penalty provisions

Section 10. Contraventions of this order shall be punishable by fine. Contraventions of section 6(1) by the shipowner or the master shall be punishable by fine or imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year.

Subsection 2. The penalty may be increased to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years if the contravention was committed intentionally or grossly negligently and if the contravention:

- 1) has caused injury to young people below the age of 18 or provoked a risk of injury, or
- 2) has resulted in or aimed at a financial benefit, comprising also financial savings, for the contravener or for others.

Subsection 3. If the benefit obtained through the contravention is not confiscated, the size of such financial benefit obtained or aimed at shall be taken into account when determining the fine, including additional fines, cf. subsection 2(ii).

Subsection 4. Companies, etc. (legal persons) may incur criminal liability according to the provisions of part 5 of the penal code (*straffeloven*).

Subsection 5. When determining criminal liability pursuant to subsection 4, persons who have been employed to carry out work on board the ship by others than the shipowner shall also be considered affiliated with the shipowner. If a document of compliance has been issued in accordance with the International Safety Management Code or a certificate in accordance with the Maritime Labour Convention to another organisation or person, the master and the seafarers shall also be considered to be affiliated with the one to whom the document has been issued.

Entry into force

Section 11. The order shall enter into force on 1 June 2015.

Section 12. The order shall not apply to the Faroe Islands and to Greenland.

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Annex 1

Table A-VI/2-2

Specification of the minimum standard of competence in fast rescue boats (FRB)

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4
Competence	Knowledge, understanding and proficiency	Methods for demonstrating competence	Criteria for evaluating competence
Understand the construction, maintenance, repair and outfitting of fast rescue boats	<p>Construction and outfitting of fast rescue boats and individual items of their equipment</p> <p>Knowledge of the maintenance and emergency repairs of fast rescue boats and the normal inflation and deflation of buoyancy compartments of inflated fast rescue boats</p>	Assessment of evidence obtained from practical instruction	<p>The method of carrying out routine maintenance and emergency repairs</p> <p>Identify components and required equipment for fast rescue boats</p>
Take charge of the launching equipment and appliance as commonly fitted, during launching and recovery	<p>Assessment of the readiness of launching equipment and launching appliance of fast rescue boats for immediate launching and operation</p> <p>Understand the operation and limitations of the winch, brakes, falls, painters, motion-compensation and other equipment as commonly fitted</p> <p>Safety precautions during launching and recovery of a fast rescue boat</p> <p>Launching and recovery of a fast rescue boat in prevailing and adverse weather and sea conditions</p>	Assessment of evidence obtained from practical demonstration of ability to control safe launching and recovery of a fast rescue boat, with equipment as fitted	Ability to prepare and take charge of the launching equipment and appliance during launching and recovery of a fast rescue boat
Take charge of a fast rescue boat as commonly fitted, during launching and recovery	<p>Assessment of the readiness of fast rescue boats and related equipment for immediate launching and operation</p> <p>Safety precautions during launching and recovery of a fast rescue boat</p> <p>Launching and recovery of a fast rescue boat in pre-</p>	Assessment of evidence obtained from practical demonstration of ability to conduct safe launching and recovery of a fast rescue boat, with equipment as fitted	Ability to take charge of a fast rescue boat during launching and recovery

	vailing and adverse weather and sea conditions		
Take charge of a fast rescue boat after launching	<p>Particular characteristics, facilities and limitations of fast rescue boats</p> <p>Procedures for the righting of a capsized fast rescue boat</p> <p>How to handle a fast rescue boat in prevailing and adverse weather and sea conditions</p> <p>Navigational and safety equipment available in a fast rescue boat</p> <p>Search patterns and environmental factors affecting their execution</p>	<p>Assessment of evidence obtained from practical demonstration of ability to:</p> <p>.1 right a capsized fast rescue boat</p> <p>.2 handle a fast rescue boat in prevailing weather and sea conditions</p> <p>.3 swim in special equipment</p> <p>.4 use communications and signalling equipment between the fast rescue boat and a helicopter and a ship</p> <p>.5 use the emergency equipment carried</p> <p>.6 recover a casualty from the water and transfer a casualty to a rescue helicopter or to a ship or to a place of safety</p> <p>.7 carry out search patterns, taking account of environmental factors</p>	Demonstration of operation of fast rescue boats within equipment limitations in prevailing weather conditions
Operate a fast rescue boat engine	Methods of starting and operating a fast rescue boat engine and its accessories	Assessment of evidence obtained from practical demonstration of ability to start and operate a fast rescue boat engine	Engine is started and operated as required for manoeuvring

Bevis i betjening af hurtiggående mand-over-bord-både
Certificate of proficiency in fast rescue boats

**BEVIS UDSTEDT EFTER BESTEMMELSERNE I
DEN INTERNATIONALE KONVENTION OM UDDANNELSE AF SØFARENDE,
OM SØNÆRING OG OM VAGTHOLD, 1978, SOM ÆNDRET**

*CERTIFICATE ISSUED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
ON STANDARDS OF TRAINING, CERTIFICATION AND WATCHKEEPING FOR
FOR SEAFARERS, 1978, AS AMENDED*

Det attesteres herved, at
This is to certify that

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er fundet kvalificeret i overensstemmelse med bestemmelserne i reglement
has been found duly qualified in accordance with the provisions of regulation

VI/2, paragraph 2

af ovennævnte konvention, som ændret, til betjening af hurtiggående mand-over-bord-både
of the above Convention, as amended, in handling fast rescue boats

Ihændehaberens fødselsdato
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Udstedt dato
Issued date
Bemyndigede bevisudsteders navn og underskrift
Signature and name of person authorized to issue certificate