



**MARITIME AND PORT AUTHORITY OF SINGAPORE  
SHIPPING CIRCULAR  
NO. 6 OF 2021**

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**Applicable to:** Holders of certificates of competency and GMDSS General/Restricted Operator Certificate issued by Singapore, Flag states, Port States and Shipowners, ship managers, agents and anyone who engage the services of seafarers holding certificates of competency and GMDSS General/Restricted Operator Certificate issued by Singapore.

**EXTENSION OF VALIDITY OF STCW CERTIFICATES ISSUED BY SINGAPORE**

1 This circular supersedes MPA Shipping Circulars No. 06 of 2020 and No. 16 of 2020.

2 The Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) and Infocomm Media Development Authority of Singapore (IMDA) note that due to the ongoing COVID-19 situation, some seafarers may still face challenges in renewing their certificates issued under the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watch keeping for Seafarers 1978, as amended (the STCW Convention).

3 The International Maritime Organisation (IMO) has on 2 April 2020, issued a Circular Letter No.4204/Add.5/Rev.1 to encourage STCW certificates issuing administrations to take a pragmatic and practical approach regarding the extension of certificates, including medical certificates, and endorsements due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

4 In line with the IMO's guidelines and in view of the persistent difficulties in revalidating STCW certificates due to COVID-19 pandemic, MPA and IMDA have decided to continue extending the validity of STCW certificates issued by Singapore on basis of case by case.

5 Seafarers shall complete the declaration form provided in Annex A of this circular and submit to MPA([COC@mpa.gov.sg](mailto:COC@mpa.gov.sg)) and/or IMDA([info@imda.gov.sg](mailto:info@imda.gov.sg)) respectively for the request to extend the validity of their certificate(s). MPA/IMDA will carry out assessment on the request to determine whether to extend the validity of the certificate(s) and length of extension to be granted, thereafter issue a letter or an email to inform the applicant on the outcomes of the assessment. If required,

MPA/IMDA may schedule a telephone call or video-conference call with the seafarer as part of the assessment.

6 A copy of the completed declaration form and the confirmation of extension issued by MPA and/or IMDA should be kept with the seafarer and may be used as proof of MPA/IMDA's approval.

## **REVALIDATION OF CERTIFICATES**

7 Notwithstanding the above, seafarers who can renew their certificates before the expiry date of the certificate are strongly encouraged to apply for revalidation of the certificate before the expiry date. Certificates that are revalidated successfully will be extended for 5 years from the date of issue printed on the certificate. Please refer to [MPA Shipping Circular No. 09 of 2020](#) and a joint circular with IMDA dated 6 June 2019 (i.e. [MPA Shipping Circular No. 07 of 2019](#)) for the details of revalidation.

8 Any queries regarding this circular should be directed to MPA (Email: [COC@mpa.gov.sg](mailto:COC@mpa.gov.sg)) or IMDA (Email: [info@imda.gov.sg](mailto:info@imda.gov.sg))

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**DECLARATION FOR EXTENSION OF COC/GOC/OTHER STCW CERTIFICATES\***

To: Director of Marine, Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) / Director of Licensing & Enforcement, Investigation, and Prosecution, Infocomm Media Development Authority of Singapore (IMDA)\*

Dear Sir/Madam,

I, [Name as printed in the Certificate] \_\_\_\_\_, the holder of following Certificate(s):(please attach a copy of the certificate(s))

Title of Certificate	Certificate Number	Expiry Date	Issued by
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
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Due to the reason (please provide brief details):

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I am not able to revalidate the above listed certificate(s) before their expiry date(s) due to the reasons as stated above. I hereby seek your consideration to extend the validity of the above listed certificate(s). I will endeavour to revalidate the certificate(s) once an opportunity arises.

I hereby declare, that I understand, accept and confirm that it is an offence and I will be liable for any disciplinary actions arising out of, should the above information be found untrue.

Yours Sincerely,

Name/Signature/Date

\*Delete as appropriate