

GUIDANCE ON PROFICIENCY IN MEDICAL CARE TRAINING

INITIAL TRAINING

A candidate undertaking the Proficiency in Medical Care course *for the first time* must fulfil the following prerequisite criteria.

- to be at least 16 years of age
- to have successfully completed a Proficiency in Medical First Aid on Board Ship course in accordance with section A-VI/4-1 of the STCW Code.

It is recommended that candidates who have not had recent first aid training undertake additional personal study to obtain a satisfactory level of understanding before commencing the course.

UPDATING

It should be noted that the master, or the person in charge of medical care, on board an EU member state flagged vessel are required to undertake refresher training in medical care *at least* every five years taking into account the specific risks and needs connected with the different categories of vessels.

A candidate needing to update their Proficiency in Medical Care certificate may choose to complete

Either Option 1: The 5 day Proficiency in Medical Care course

OR Option 2: The 3 day Updated Proficiency in Medical Care course

NOTES ON UPDATING

Warsash Maritime Academy recommends that students with medical care certificates ensure they refresh their certificate within the five year period. Experience has shown that very few candidates are able to competently undertake the intensive refresher training, unless a candidate has had extensive "hands on" medical and first aid experience at sea.

MNTB course guidelines state *"if the training centre decides that additional revision/basic training needs to be undertaken during or prior to the course, it is for the training centre to determine the extent of any such additional training/revision in order to ensure achievement of the standards required"*.

Contact the course administrator for guidance.

REFERENCES

Regulation VI/4 of the Annex to the STCW Convention and Section A-VI/4 (4-6) of the STCW Code

The Merchant Shipping (Training and Certification) Regulations 1997

EC Directive 92/29 EC

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