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**Subject: Filipino seafarers can now seek Canadian recognition of their STCW certificates**

## *Purpose*

This bulletin is to let you know that:

- Canada has signed a reciprocal arrangement with the Republic of the Philippines.
- Filipino seafarers holding a valid STCW certificate<sup>1</sup> of competency can now apply for a Canadian endorsement.

## *Scope*

This bulletin applies to:

- owners and operators of Canadian-flagged vessels, and
- seafarers from the Republic of the Philippines who want a Canadian endorsement.

## *What you need to know*

On March 29, 2023, Canada entered into a reciprocal arrangement with the Republic of the Philippines for the recognition of certificates of competency and issuance of endorsements pursuant to regulation I/10 of the STCW Convention.

Seafarers with a valid STCW certificate issued by the Republic of the Philippines can now apply for a Canadian endorsement. This is similar to reciprocal arrangements Canada has already signed with Australia, France, Norway, Ukraine, Georgia and the United Kingdom.

<sup>1</sup> STCW certificate means a certificate issued in accordance with the provisions of the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping, 1978, as amended.

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2. STCW
3. Canadian endorsement

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Canadian seafarers can also seek a Filipino endorsement of a valid Canadian STCW certificate by writing to the Republic of the Philippines Maritime Industry Authority using the following email address: [oed@marina.gov.ph](mailto:oed@marina.gov.ph).

### *Documents you need to apply*

To apply for a Canadian endorsement, please download and follow the instructions contained within the following Transport Canada forms:

- [Application for a Canadian endorsement \(Form #82-0786\)](#)
- [Declaration from an Authorized Representative \(Form #82-0787\)](#)

You are invited to visit the following website which provides relevant information regarding [Recognition of a Foreign Certificate Through a Reciprocal Arrangement](#).

### *How to apply*

Send your completed application and supporting documents, using one of the following methods:

- email to [RecognitionofCertificates-Reconnaissancedesbrevets@tc.gc.ca](mailto:RecognitionofCertificates-Reconnaissancedesbrevets@tc.gc.ca)
- mail to:

**Transport Canada, Seafarer Certification (AMSP),**  
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