

Department of Communications, Marine and Natural Resources

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NOTICE TO ALL SHIPOWNERS, FISHING VESSEL OWNERS, AGENTS, SHIPMASTERS, SKIPPERS, FISHERMEN, YACHTSMEN, SEAFARERS AND CHANDLERS, DECK OFFICERS, RATINGS IN FISHING VESSELS AND NAUTICAL COLLEGES

Change to GMDSS Requirement For Second Hand Full Certificate of Competency Examination

The Marine Survey Office wish to advise that as and from the 1st September 2003, all first time examination candidates for a Second Hand Full Certificate of Competency will be required to produce a GMDSS General Operator Certificate of Competency (GOC) instead of previously required Restricted Operator Certificate of Competency.

There will be no change to the GMDSS requirement for candidates sitting a Skipper Full Certificate of Competency, which is a GOC, or candidates sitting a Second Hand Limited Certificate of Competency, which is a Long Range Certificate of Competency.

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