

- (a) medical fitness, particularly regarding eyesight and hearing; and
- (b) professional competence:
  - (i) by approved sea-going service as master or deck officer of at least one year during the preceding five years; or
  - (ii) by virtue of having performed functions relating to the duties appropriate to the grade of certificate held which are considered to be at least equivalent to the sea-going service required in paragraph 1(b)(i); or
  - (iii) by one of the following:
    - passing an approved test; or
    - successfully completing an approved course or courses; or
    - having completed approved sea-going service as a deck officer for a period of not less than three months in a supernumerary capacity immediately prior to taking up the rank to which he is entitled by virtue of his certificate.

2. The Administration shall, in consultation with those concerned, formulate or promote the formulation of a structure of refresher and updating courses, either voluntary or mandatory, as appropriate, for masters and deck officers who are serving at sea, especially for re-entrants to sea-going service. The Administration shall ensure that arrangements are made to enable all persons concerned to attend such courses as appropriate to their experience and duties. Such courses shall be approved by the Administration and include changes in marine technology and relevant international regulations and recommendations concerning the safety of life at sea and the protection of the marine environment.

3. Every master and deck officer shall, for continuing sea-going service on board ships for which special training requirements have been internationally agreed upon, successfully complete an approved relevant training.

4. The Administration shall ensure that the texts of recent changes in international regulations concerning the safety of life at sea and the protection of the marine environment are made available to ships under its jurisdiction.

### **Regulation II/6**

#### *Mandatory Minimum Requirements for Ratings Forming Part of a Navigational Watch*

1. The minimum requirements for a rating forming part of a navigational watch on a sea-going ship of 200 gross register tons or more are set out in paragraph 2. These requirements are not those for certification of able seamen\*, nor, except for ships of limited size, are they minimum requirements for a rating who is to be the sole rating of a navigational watch. Administrations may require additional training and qualifications for a rating who is to be the sole rating of a navigational watch.

\* Reference is made to ILO Certification of Able Seamen Convention, 1946 or any successive convention.