

## CHAPTER IV

### RADIO DEPARTMENT

#### RADIO WATCHKEEPING AND MAINTENANCE

Explanatory note:

Mandatory provisions relating to radio watchkeeping are set forth in the Radio Regulations, and the safety radio watchkeeping and maintenance provisions are set forth in the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea and in the Radio Regulations, as these two sets of Regulations may be amended and are in force. Attention is also directed to the relevant resolutions adopted by the International Conference on Training and Certification of Seafarers, 1978.

#### Regulation IV/1

*Mandatory Minimum Requirements for  
Certification of Radio Officers*

1. Every radio officer in charge of, or performing, radio duties in a ship shall hold an appropriate certificate or certificates issued or recognized by the Administration under the provisions of the Radio Regulations, and have adequate qualifying service.
2. In addition, a radio officer shall:
  - (a) be not less than 18 years of age;
  - (b) satisfy the Administration as to medical fitness, particularly regarding eyesight, hearing and speech;
  - (c) meet the requirements of the Appendix to this Regulation.
3. Every candidate for a certificate shall be required to pass an examination or examinations to the satisfaction of the Administration concerned.
4. The level of knowledge required for certification shall be sufficient for the radio officer to carry out his radio duties safely and efficiently. In determining the appropriate level of knowledge and the training necessary to achieve that knowledge and practical ability, the Administration shall take into account the requirements of the Radio Regulations and the Appendix to this Regulation. Administrations shall also take into account the relevant resolutions adopted by the International Conference on Training and Certification of Seafarers, 1978, and relevant IMCO recommendations.