



CIRCULAR No 18

Completion of the updated basic safety training or corresponding instruction in accordance with MSC resolution 560(108)

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All shipowners and crew members

The Maritime Division of the Estonian Transport Administration draws the attention of all parties concerned that on 01.01.2026, in accordance with IMO resolution MSC.560(108), the amendment to Part A of the STCW Code on Basic Safety Training (A-VI/1-4) of the STCW Convention 1978, as amended, will enter into force, which covers human relations on board ship (bullying, harassment, sexual assault, reporting, responding to them, etc.).

In this regard, seafarers must complete the updated curriculum training either in full-time or, if they have a valid basic safety training certificate, complete an online instruction in accordance with a approved curriculum.

As the training in Chapter VI of the STCW Code cannot be proven by seagoing service or by completing training on board a ship, it must be completed at a maritime educational institution (STCW 1978 Regulation I/11).

The aforementioned training or instruction is offered by approved maritime educational institutions, such as OÜ MSCA Reval Merekoool (reval@reval.ee) and AS Tallink Grupp (koolituskeskus@tallink.ee), who can be contacted to specify the details of the training (start date, duration of the training, access to the training environment, cost, etc.).

The seafarer can prove the completion of the training via the Register of Seafarers (Seafarers Information System - meremees.transpordiamet.ee) and the maritime educational institutions will additionally issue a physical certificate of completion of the training. The certificates of basic safety training previously issued by the Estonian Transport Administration remain valid and their wording will not change.

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