

FURTHER EXTENSION ON SMALL VESSEL INTERIM CERTIFICATES OF COMPETENCY

ALL SAMS PERSONNEL, PORT AUTHORITIES, SMALL VESSEL SKIPPERS, APPOINTED SMALL VESSEL SURVEYORS, SAFETY OFFICERS, APPOINTED SMALL VESSEL EXAMINERS, ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, BOAT CLUBS AND OTHER INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES

ISSUE DATE	17 April 2025	EXPIRY DATE	31 March 2026 or unless withdrawn	REFERENCE	SM6/5/2/1/MIN
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Marine Information Notice's and /or Marine Notice's affected

<i>Cancelled or superseded:</i>	MIN 06-24	<i>Read in conjunction with:</i>	Not Applicable
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SUMMARY

This Marine Information Notice seeks to advise the small vessel fraternity and enforcement officers regarding the extension of the validity of the small vessel interim Certificates of competency issued in accordance with the Merchant Shipping National Small Vessel Safety) Regulations 2007, as amended

1. Background and Introduction

- 1 SAMSA experienced operational challenges as from the month of April 2023 that affected the turnaround time for processing of all applications for Small Vessel Certificates of Competency and therefore published MIN 06-24.
- 2 At that time, SAMSA anticipated that by the 31 March 2025, all applications would have been processed and issued.
- 3 SAMSA has restored its operations and has processed most of the applications that were outstanding, however due to applications that might have been corrupted during the restoration of its system, SAMSA has decided to collate all the affected applications to ensure that they are processed and issued.
- 4 Whilst SAMSA is putting all measures to ensure that the applications are processed speedily. This Marine Information Notice serves as an extension to the previous notice until such time that all applications affected during the restoration of our system are fully processed.

2. Validity of Small Vessel Interim Certificates of Competency

Application

- 1 This Marine notice is issued in accordance with the Merchant Shipping (National Small Vessel Safety) Regulations 2007, as amended.

Validity of Small Vessel interim Certificates of Competency

- 2 The interim Certificates of Competency issued by SAMSA, appointed small vessel examiners or accredited institutions valid for a period of six (6) months and expiring on or after the 22 April 2024 shall be further extended until 31 March 2026.
- 3 The certificates mentioned in paragraph 2(2) must be kept on board, together with this MIN and shall be accepted by enforcement officers, gatekeepers or officials as being valid.

3. Enquiries

Enquiries regarding this Marine Information Notice may be directed to the Registrar of Seafarers via e-mail to seafarers@samsa.org.za

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