



Marine Safety Information Bulletin

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Cancellation: Clarification of STCW Endorsements Required for Able Seaman

MSIB 06-24 is cancelled. Able seamen manning vessels subject to the Standards of Training and Certification of Watchkeeping, as Amended (STCW), must hold an MMC with an endorsement as **either** Rating Forming Part of a Navigational Watch (RFPNW) **or** Able Seafarer – Deck (AS-D). Cancelling MSIB 06-24 better aligns the sea service requirements in Section 3534(j) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law 118-31) with STCW and the Scale of Employment in Title 46 U.S.C. § 7312. This action allows mariners to fill a required able seaman billet on a vessel subject to STCW once they hold an appropriate national endorsement as able seaman and **either** RFPNW **or** AS-D.¹

Please direct any credentialing inquiries regarding to the Office of Merchant Mariner Credentialing (CG-MMC) at MMCPolicy@uscg.mil. Manning questions can be directed to the Office of Commercial Vessel Compliance, Commandant (CG-CVC) at CGCVC@uscg.mil.

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¹ See also 89 FR 93040.