

Certification of Able Seamen Convention, 1946¹

The General Conference of the International Labour Organization,

Having been convened at Seattle by the Governing Body of the International Labour Office, and having met in its Twenty-eighth Session on 6 June 1946, and

Having decided upon the adoption of certain proposals with regard to the certification of able seamen, which is included in the fifth item on the agenda of the Session, and

Having determined that these proposals shall take the form of an international Convention,

adopts this twenty-ninth day of June of the year one thousand nine hundred and forty-six the following Convention, which may be cited as the Certification of Able Seamen Convention, 1946:

Article 1

No person shall be engaged on any vessel as an able seaman unless he is a person who by national laws or regulations is deemed to be competent to perform any duty which may be required of a member of the crew serving in the deck department (other than an officer or leading or specialist rating) and unless he holds a certificate of qualification as an able seaman granted in accordance with the provisions of the following articles.

Article 2

1. The competent authority shall make arrangements for the holding of examinations and for the granting of certificates of qualification.
2. No person shall be granted a certificate of qualification unless—
 - (a) he has reached a minimum age to be prescribed by the competent authority;
 - (b) he has served at sea in the deck department for a minimum period to be prescribed by the competent authority; and
 - (c) he has passed an examination of proficiency to be prescribed by the competent authority.
3. The prescribed minimum age shall not be less than eighteen years.
4. The prescribed minimum period of service at sea shall not be less than thirty-six months: Provided that the competent authority may—
 - (a) permit persons with a period of actual service at sea of not less than twenty-four months who have successfully passed through a course

¹This Convention was modified by the Final Articles Revision Convention, 1946 (Canada Treaty Series, 1946, No. 52); this text includes the modifications.