

Certificates needed for working at sea

Here is a reminder to all sea-going staff to make sure that your medical and safety certificates are valid and up-to-date. This is also an attempt to clear up any confusion about what documents you need to be allowed to sail on the Celtic Explorer or Celtic Voyager. Please note that you must bring the originals of both the ENG-11 and the PST certificate onboard with you; copies will not suffice.

Medical certificates (ENG-11)

The current legislation came into effect on the 12 Dec 2005 ([MarineNotice30](#)). After that date only certain doctors, listed under [ApprovedDoctors](#), can issue ENG-11s. The certs should be written on the new forms (see example 1, page 3).

If you had your ENG-11 issued before the 12 Dec 2005, it can still be valid, even if it is on the old form (example 2). Any cert that was correct at the time it was issued, is valid until it expires. Because the certs expire after 2 years, the latest date any old form ENG-11 can be valid to is 12 Dec 2007.

Things to check:

1. Is the expiry date written on your form *after the end* of your next cruise?
2. Is the expiry date written on your form really 2 years after you had your medical done? And is your date of birth correct? (Of course the doctor should have written the correct dates, but even doctors are fallible, so no harm in checking!)
3. If you had your medical done after the 12 Dec 2005, is the certificate on the new form?

If the answer to any of these questions is No, then you should arrange for a new medical assessment, with one of the doctors listed (see link above).

Seafarers' medical certificates from other countries are accepted *if the cert is of the type approved by that state* (it might be called something else than ENG-11, for example in the UK it would be the ENG-1).

Personal Survival Techniques

Everybody working on Irish research vessels must have taken a training course in Personal Survival Techniques (PST) approved under the STCW 78/95 convention ([MarineNoticeNo12](#)). If you did your PST course through the MI or at least in Ireland, it is probably all right – just check that there is a reference to being approved according to the STCW -95 on the cert. BIM Safety Training cards are also accepted. The course provider should be on the list of approved course providers ([CourseProvidersAnnex](#)).

If you, or any foreign scientist or contractor who joins the ship from abroad (including the UK), has any other kind of marine safety course cert, it is acceptable if:

- the country has signed the SOLAS and STCW conventions - most countries have.
- there is a clear reference to the STCW convention on the cert.

If there is no mention of the STCW -95 convention on the cert, it can unfortunately not be accepted at this stage (except BIM Safety training cards). For example UKOOA, PETANS and OPITO certs, among others, are *not* recognized. This was the response from the Marine Survey Office (MSO) following a recent query. We are aware of the problems this causes for cruises with international participation, and

maybe some way around it can be found in the future. Until further notice, however, this is the law to which we must comply.

If you have any questions about whether your own PST cert, or that of any foreign scientists joining your cruise, is recognized or not, feel free to contact RV Ops. If you need to organize a PST course for scientists joining your cruise, a list of approved course providers can be found here [CourseProvidersAnnex](#).

Passport

You must bring a current, valid passport, in the event that the ship needs to enter a foreign port for some unplanned reason. (Since you don't know which country such a port call might be in, it's safer to have a passport than only a national ID card, which might not be recognized in every country).

This info and links can also be found on our website under Vessel User Information: <http://www.marine.ie/home/services/researchvessels/explorer/Vessel+User+Information.htm>

Please see following pages for examples of forms.

Examples

1. **New ENG-11.** All ENG-11s issued after 12 Dec 2005 should look like this, and the expiry date (circled in red) should be after your next cruise, and should be 2 years after the issuing date (green square). The doctor (circled in blue) should be on the list of approved doctors.

An Roinn Iompair,
Lána Chill Mochargan,
Baile Átha Cliath 2.



Department of Transport,
Leeson Lane,
Dublin 2

Form. 3

Serial No.: 1411

SEAFARER MEDICAL CERTIFICATE (ENG11)

Sections A and B to be completed by an Approved Medical Practitioner (Approved Doctor)

A: Surname	<u>Granger</u>	Forename(s)	<u>Hermione</u>	Sex	M <input type="checkbox"/>	F <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Proof of Identity/ Passport No:	<u>ZZZ123</u>	Discharge Book No:	<u>NA</u>	Date of Birth:	<u>3 A 187</u>	
Expiry Date of Certificate*:	<u>11/12/2008</u>	Date of last Colour Vision Test**:	<u>N/A</u>			
Occupation: (tick relevant box)						
Deck	<input type="checkbox"/>	Engine	<input type="checkbox"/>	Catering	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other <u>STO</u>

B. Result of Medical Examination

I have examined the above-named seafarer in accordance with the Merchant Shipping (Medical Examinations) Regulations 2005 (S.I. No. 701 of 2005) and have found the seafarer fit/unfit as follows:

Fitness Category (tick relevant box)

1. Fit – No Restrictions 2. Fit subject to restrictions as follows _____
3. Temporarily unfit
Estimated period of unfitness _____ Reason _____
4. Permanently unfit – unable to meet the standards required for seafaring
Reason _____

Visual Aids (tick if worn) Spectacles Contact Lenses

If aided vision applies such persons should use those aids when on watch and a spare pair of spectacles or contact lenses should always be carried

Date of Examination	<u>11/12/2006</u>	I have read/understood the notes overleaf
Signature of Approved Doctor:		Seafarer's signature: <u>Hermione Granger</u>
Name of Approved Doctor: (Print)	<u>Dr. [Name]</u>	Official Stamp Occupational Health Galway, D'Alton House, D'Alton Drive, Salthill, Galway. Tel: (091) 522567

* Maximum period of validity 2 years

** Maximum period of validity 6 years

2. Old ENG-11. If your ENG-11 was issued before 12 Dec 2005 (issuing date in green square), it will be on a form like this, and it can still be valid. This example form would have been valid earlier this year, until the expiry date (circled in red), but now it has obviously expired. Mr Weasley cannot go to the same place for his next medical, because this doctor (circled in blue) is not on the "approved list" as of 12 Dec 2005.



DEPARTMENT of the MARINE
DUBLIN, IRELAND.
MEDICAL CERTIFICATE

Form No. ENG 11.

Seafarers Name RON WEASLEY Discharge Book No. N/A
Date of Birth 1/6/87 Date of Expiry of this Certificate 7/5/07

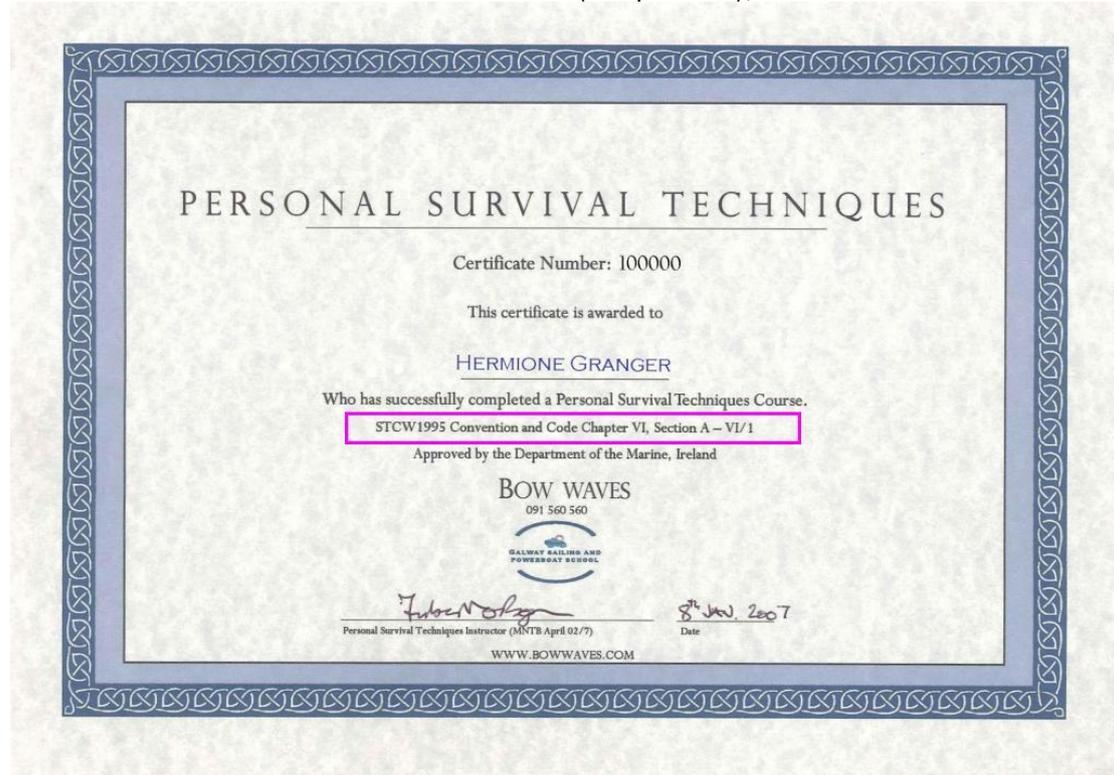
I certify that the above named seafarer has been examined today to the medical and visual standards of the State (as specified in Marine Notice No. 37 of 1984) and is not suffering from any disease likely to be aggravated by, or to render the seafarer unfit for, service at sea, or likely to endanger the health of other persons on board. I consider that the seafarer is fit by reason of hearing, sight** and general health for seafaring subject to the following restrictions:

Signature and Stamp of Examining registered Medical Practitioner [Signature]
Address: SEA RD GALWAY
Date 7/5/05

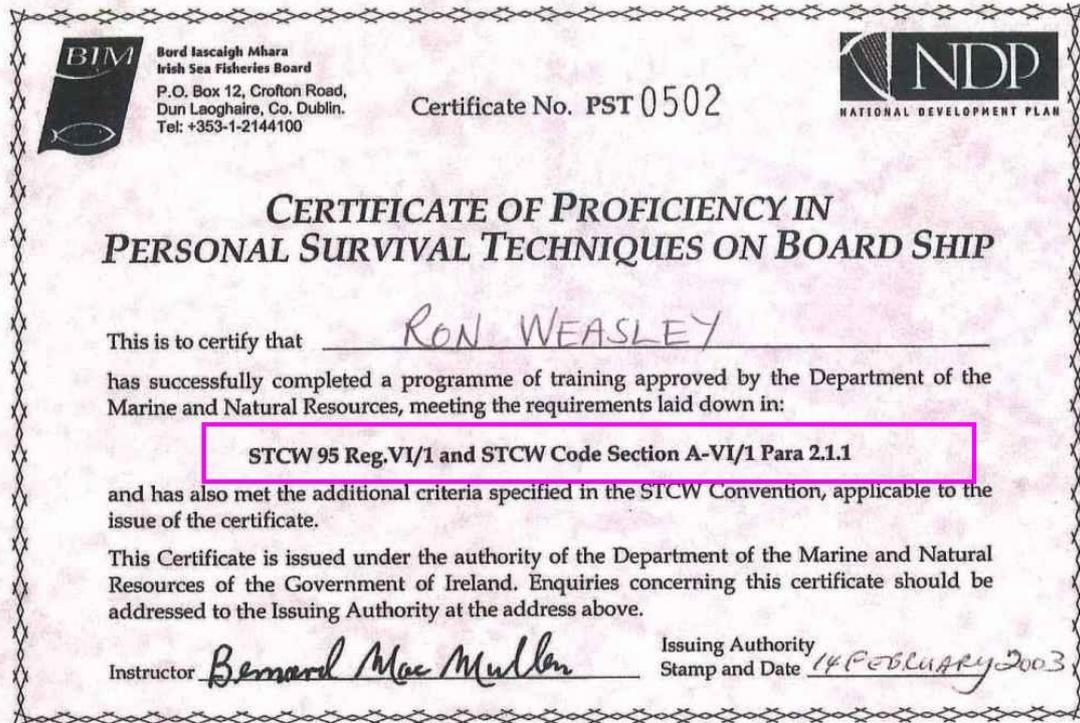
DR COLM O'FLAHERTY
1 Lily Place
Sea Road

* Maximum period of validity two (2) years.
** Includes colour vision for all persons employed on deck watchkeeping duties.

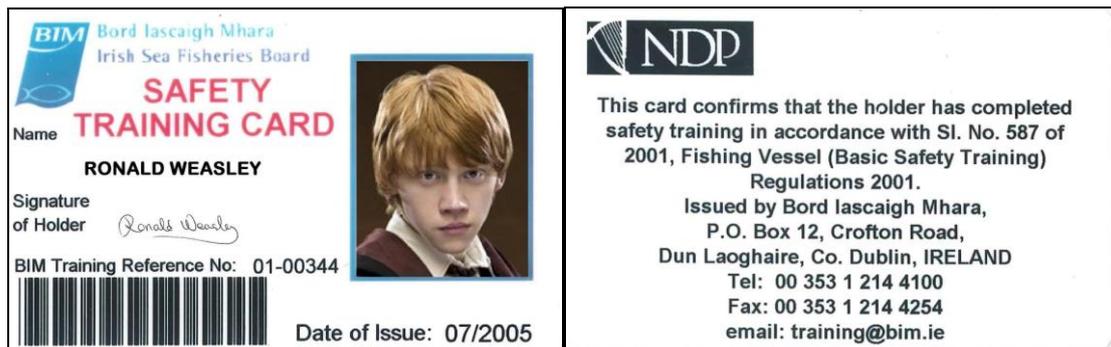
3. Accepted PST certificate. The course provider is on the approved list, and the cert shows that the course is in accordance with STCW-95 (see pink box), so this cert is ok to sail with.



4. Accepted PST certificate. The course provider (BIM) is on the approved list, and the cert shows that the course is in accordance with STCW-95 (see pink box), so this cert is also ok to sail with.



5. BIM Safety Training Card. Along with the certificates (as above), BIM also issue Safety Training Cards. The Safety Training Cards do not mention STCW-95 but BIM have confirmed to us that their courses are according to STCW-95, and the Cards are issued along with certificates that *do* mention the convention. So a BIM Safety Training Card, see below, is also acceptable as proof of your PST course:



(credit card sized plastic card)