

CERTIFICATION OF MARITIME TRAINING

Training Solutions for
Marine and Offshore

 **ABS Academy**

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The IMO's Standards for Training and Certification of Watchkeeping (STCW) Convention requires all training programs and assessments in connection with an STCW certificate be approved by the respective maritime administration. Instructors also need to be appropriately qualified and experienced to conduct the training.

CERTIFICATION AT A GLANCE

- Teaching facilities and equipment are appropriate
- Instructors are suitably experienced and qualified
- Training meets the requirements of applicable standards
- Course content, design, development, and maintenance based on industry best practices
- Training facility management follows a suitable quality standard with a management system in place

ABS Academy offers an independent third-party review and assessment of the facilities, courses, and instructors for maritime education organizations. The certification program verifies that the training is uniform in quality and meets certain minimum criteria for its development, content, delivery, and quality management standards.

WHY USE CERTIFICATION?

An assessment of the training organization's ability to provide the requisite level of training can be an effective tool for performance measurement and management.

The ABS Academy certification program aligns with STCW and other applicable national and flag State requirements. The program also meets industry guidelines for training including Intertanko's Tanker Officer Training Standards (TOTS), the Society of International Gas Tanker and Terminal Operators' (SIGTTO) competency standards, and the Offshore Petroleum Industry Training Organization (OPITO) standards.

FEATURES AND BENEFITS



US COAST GUARD
RECOGNIZED
QUALITY STANDARDS SYSTEM



1 INTEGRATED AUDIT
FACILITIES, COURSES & TRAINERS



TARGETED REVIEW MANDATORY
& VOLUNTARY COURSES

5 GLOBAL ACADEMY CENTERS



STCW
RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATION



CERTIFICATION APPROVAL PROCESS
4 WEEKS*

*Typical turnaround time

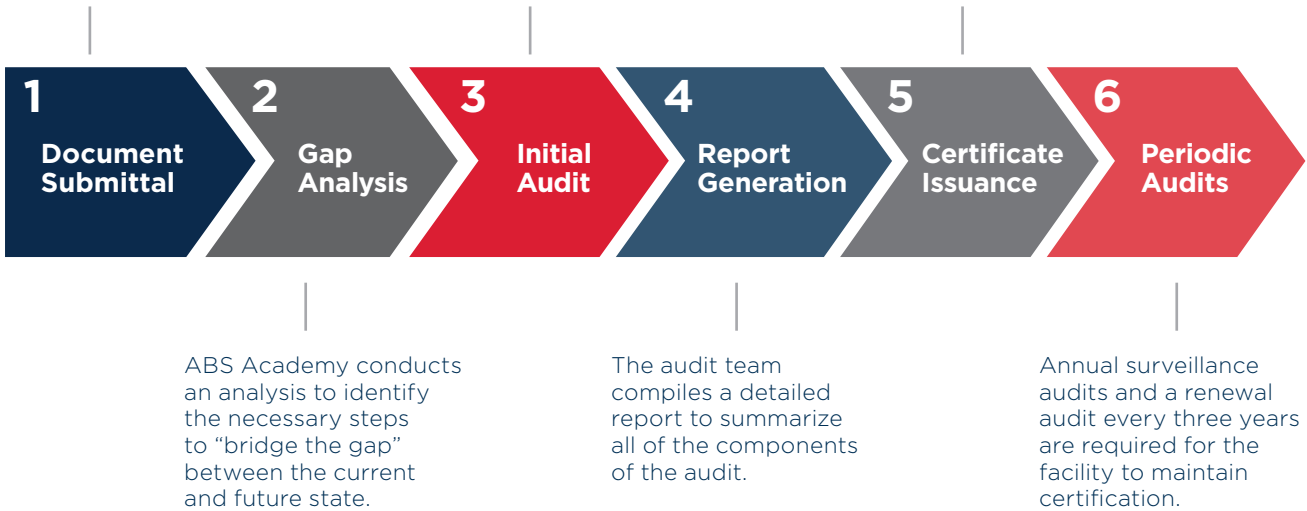
CERTIFICATION PROCESS

The process includes document review, verification of trainer qualifications and an audit of the system and facility. Organizations certified to the ISO 9000 standard will satisfy audit requirements.

Supporting documents to be made available for each training facility, training course and instructor to be certified.

The audit comprises a review of submitted documentation and a review of the training facility.

Upon successful verification, ABS Academy issues a Certificate of Compliance and permits use of the ABS Certified Marine Training logo.



MEETING ABS REQUIREMENTS

The *ABS Guide for Certification of Maritime Education Facilities and Training Courses* features a nine-step procedure for verifying the crew training provided by ship and offshore asset owners, as well as state-run and privately operated academies.

1. ORGANIZATION

Each organization must provide contact information for the principal training facilities.

2. MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Each organization must demonstrate a commitment to quality standards by showing documented procedures for internal management control, monitoring measures and follow-up steps.

3. COURSE FRAMEWORK

A brief course description, including a course objective, will be available.

4. COURSE OUTLINE AND TIMETABLE

A summary of training topics organized by hours per topic must be provided.

5. DETAILED TEACHING SYLLABUS

Training materials must include learning objectives that describe specific knowledge or skills the course participants must demonstrate.

6. INSTRUCTOR MANUAL

Used during course instruction, the manual includes specific guidance on teaching strategies and techniques and relevant notes to assist the instructor.

7. ASSESSMENTS

Each organization must keep documentation records of participants' assessments.

8. COURSE FEEDBACK

Course participants must have an opportunity to provide feedback on training.

9. INSTRUCTORS AND EXAMINERS

Each organization should maintain a list of qualified instructors and examiners.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact your nearest ABS Academy to schedule a consultation for the Certification of Maritime Training program. The *Guide for Certification of Maritime Education Facilities and Training Courses* is available for free download on the ABS website at www.eagle.org. Navigate to Rules & Resources, Rules & Guides.

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