CERTIFICATION OF MARITIME TRAINING

Training Solutions for Marine and Offshore

ABS Academy
CERTIFICATION OF MARITIME TRAINING

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.

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’ (SILTTO) competency standards, and the Offshore Petroleum Industry Training Organization (OPITO) standards.

FEATURES AND BENEFITS

- 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
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.

ABS Academy conducts an analysis to identify the necessary steps to “bridge the gap” between the current and future state.

The audit team compiles a detailed report to summarize all of the components of the audit.

Annual surveillance audits and a renewal audit every three years are required for the facility to maintain certification.

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.