



List of authorised examination bodies for the Swiss certificate of competence for operators of pleasure craft on the high seas

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Information concerning examination dates, duration of training courses, cost etc. can be obtained directly from the listed organisations.



List of foreign certificates of competence for operators of pleasure craft on the high seas as recognised by the SMNO

Every skipper of a yacht entered in the registry of Swiss seagoing yachts must hold a valid **certificate of competence**, either issued for and on behalf of the SMNO by one of the recognised examination bodies for the Swiss certificate of competence for operators of pleasure craft on the high seas (see page 1) or a foreign certificate of competence as recognised by the SMNO (ref. Art. 19 of the Swiss Yachts Ordinance; SR 747.321.7)

Note: For the **registration of a yacht** in the registry of Swiss seagoing yachts with the SMNO no certificate of competence is required, ref. also the *general provisions for Swiss seagoing yachts*.

The SMNO recognises the following foreign certificates of competence for skippers as sufficient, without any restrictions, to operate a Swiss seagoing yacht in accordance with Art. 19 of the Swiss Yachts Ordinance:

A-Austria:	Befähigungsausweis für weltweite Fahrt
F-France:	Permis plaisance (extension Hauturière)
G-Germany:	Sporthochseeschifferschein (SHS) and Sportseeschifferschein (SSS)
I-Italy:	Patente Nautica Categoria A e B (senza alcun limite)
UK-United Kingdom:	RYA/MCA Yachtmaster Offshore and Ocean

Furthermore, all valid certificates of competence issued in accordance with the provisions of the International Convention on the Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers¹ issued to nautical personnel (= Deck Officers & Masters) are also recognised by the SMNO.

Other foreign certificates may be recognised by the SMNO upon request after individual examination. Applicants must provide evidence that the requirements for obtaining the certificate fully correspond to those for the Swiss certificate of competence for operators of pleasure craft on the high seas.

An international **Certificate of Competence for Operators of Pleasure Craft in Coastal Waters** (Coastal ICC) **does not permit you to operate a Swiss registered yacht on the high seas.**

However, **a Swiss registered yacht may be operated by holders of a Coastal ICC in coastal water areas, where it is recognised for this purpose by the local authorities.** This applies also for all other foreign certificates of competence for coastal navigation, e.g.:

A:	Befähigungsausweise für Küstenfahrt und für küstennahe Fahrt
F:	Permis plaisance (extension cotière)
G:	Sportküstenschifferschein (SKS)
I:	Patente Nautica Categoria A e B (dodici miglia)
UK:	RYA/MCA Yachtmaster, Coastal

¹ STCW Convention [SR 0.747.341.2]



List of classification societies recognised by the SMNO

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Information concerning classification, surveys and certification for yachts can be obtained directly from the above-mentioned societies.