



# South African Maritime Safety Authority

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### Academic Requirements for Officers – changes to the SAMSA Code

TO ALL SEAFARERS, EMPLOYERS, EXAMINERS, PRINCIPAL OFFICERS AND EDUCATION AND TRAINING INSTITUTIONS

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#### *Summary*

This Marine Notice seeks to clarify the application of academic results and ancillary courses requirements for Certificates of Competency and/or Proficiency.

1. The South African Maritime Safety Authority (SAMSA) keeps the South African Maritime Qualifications Code (SAMSA Code) under continuous review.
2. The purpose of the SAMSA Code provides minimum Competence and Proficiency standards required for the different Certificates of Competence and Proficiency.
3. Where a review results in substantial changes to the SAMSA Code, SAMSA consults with the Syllabus Committee about the changes and where an appropriate method of implementation will be proposed for consensus with the Committee.
4. SAMSA is currently conducting a full review of the SAMSA Code, covering all elements relating to seafarer's training, education and certification.
5. The implementation of these changes is accompanied by reasonable transitional provisions applicable to both accredited institutions and seafarers alike.
6. The current review of the SAMSA Code has not affected any requirements as set out in the current SAMSA Code and neither for any of the applicable requirements for Certification.
7. In the recent months, candidates for certification for Engineering Certificates may have been requested to produce results for 'Electronics & Power Electronics' and 'Instrumentation & Control Systems'. The standards of competence for these 'subjects' have yet to be presented to the syllabus committee and are not in force. Candidates whose applications have been rejected only due to missing these subjects are deemed to meet the requirements and may re-apply and/or request a review

8. Enquiries regarding the contents of this e-mail may be directed to the Office of the Chief Examiner, via e-mail to [exams@samsa.org.za](mailto:exams@samsa.org.za)

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