

### DISCONTINUATION OF SHORT RANGE CERTIFICATE (SRC) AND LONG RANGE CERTIFICATE (LRC) CONVERSION TRAINING WITH EFFECT FROM 01/06/2021

ALL SAMSA PERSONNEL, SHIP AGENTS, PORT AUTHORITIES, SHIP OWNERS, SHIP MANAGERS, SEAFARERS AND OTHER INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES

<b>ISSUE DATE</b>	16 April 2021	<b>EXPIRY DATE</b>	16 April 2022 or unless withdrawn	<b>REFERENCE</b>	SM6/5/2/1/MIN
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#### Marine Information Notice's and /or Marine Notice's affected

<i>Cancelled or superseded:</i>	None	<i>Read in conjunction with:</i>	Not Applicable
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#### **SUMMARY**

The purpose of this Marine Notice is to inform the maritime industry of the discontinuation of SRC and LRC conversion training.

1. SAMSA is currently in the process of reviewing its STA's – Standards of Training and Accreditation for the various courses accredited by SAMSA.
2. SRC and LRC radio operator certificates and courses were introduced by SAMSA in 2013 to replace the existing Restricted Radiotelephone Operator's Certificate (Marine) VHF Only and the Restricted Radiotelephone Operator's Certificate (Marine). (RTO)
3. SRC and LRC conversion training, with reduced course attendance time for holders of valid RTO certificates, was initially offered but proved unpopular as well as problematic.
4. SRC and LRC conversion training was originally planned to be offered for a limited period only.
5. After consultation with the maritime industry, training institutions and in accordance with international best practice, SAMSA will discontinue all SRC and LRC conversion training with effect from the 01/06/2021. Training Institutions will no longer offer SRC and LRC conversion training from this date and *seafarers requiring SRC or LRC certification will be required to undertake the full course.*

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