

Application for issuance of an endorsement attesting the recognition of a foreign General Operator's Certificate for service on board merchant vessels under the German flag

An das
Bundesamt für Seeschifffahrt und Hydrographie (BSH)
Bernhard-Nocht-Straße 78
20359 Hamburg

Eingangsstempel des BSH

Notes for the applicant:

- Please complete the application form and enclose all documents specified below.
- The fees¹ charged for the official act applied for have to be paid in cash, by credit transfer or by direct debit (see Direct Debit Authorisation, page 3).
- Your original documents will be returned to you enclosed with your endorsement.
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- Internet: <http://www.bsh.de>
- Email: zeugnisse@bsh.de

I. I hereby request the issue of
an endorsement attesting the recognition of a foreign General Operator's
Certificate (GOC)

II. Applicant:

Name: _____ First name: _____
Name at birth: _____ Date of birth: _____
Place of birth: _____ Nationality: _____

III. Address where the certificate is to be sent:

Name as above

Company/name: _____ Street/ _____
P.O. Box: _____
Post code/city: _____ Country (if fo- _____
reign): _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

The endorsement will be collected personally.

¹ The BSH will charge a reduced total amount of fees if applicants for mariners' certificates submit several complete applications with full documentation at the same time, allowing the BSH to issue more than one certificate per applicant.

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IV. The following documents are enclosed (original or authenticated copy)²:

- valid certificate of competency³ with incorporated endorsement or separate endorsement
- valid medical fitness certificate⁴
- identity card or passport (of the latter, only the page containing personal data)
- a recent photograph (name to be put on the photo)
- duly completed Direct Debit Authorisation, see page 3 of the application (fee for each General Operator's Certificate: 50,00 EUR)

The complete documentation must be available to us before the application can be processed.

Statement of consent:

I understand that the information provided in this application will be stored in the BSH's Register of Seafarers Certificates. I agree that this information, as well as any other data of mine, procured in connection with any other records of German Certificates acquired earlier may be made available to relevant shipping companies or foreign maritime authorities, in accordance with regulation I/9 of the STCW Convention and § 9f of the Federal Maritime Responsibilities Act (Seeaufgabengesetz), to ensure the verification of their authenticity and validity.

I hereby confirm the correctness of the above information.

Place	Date	Signature (foreign Certificate holder)
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Acknowledgement of receipt (in case of self-collection)

Company/name: _____

Signature: _____

² Authentication is provided by German embassies, consulates in foreign countries or lawfully appointed notaries in Germany and the Shipping office (Seemannsamt) in Hamburg.

³ STCW endorsements of recognition may be issued for Certificates of Competency that have been issued by the competent agencies of foreign states with whom co-operation agreements have been concluded under the provisions of regulation I/10, para. 1.2 of the Annex to the STCW Convention. A current list of these states is available from the BSH upon request.

⁴ Certificates of medical fitness issued by the competent agencies of EU-/EWR-states may be recognized if they have been issued maximally three months earlier.

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Direct Debit Authorisation (only possible for German accounts⁵)

V. Name and address of the person paying the fees:

Name and address as above (see page 1 No. III.)

Company/Name: _____	Street/ P.O. Box: _____
Post code/City: _____	Country: _____
Phone: _____	Email: _____

I hereby authorise Bundeskasse Kiel, on behalf of Bundesamt für Seeschifffahrt und Hydrographie, to debit the fees payable in connection with this application to my current account at:

Name and address of financial institution:	Account holder:
Bank code:	Account no.:
This authorisation will remain in effect until revoked by me in writing.	
Place/date:	Signature of account holder:

If several applications have been submitted simultaneously, the only one Direct Debit Authorisation is sufficient to cover for all requested certificates.

The above Direct Debit Authorisation applies to (please fill in):

Number of GOCs	Single fee: 50,00 EUR	Total fee: EUR
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⁵ If no German account is available, it is necessary to pay the fees in advance.
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