



SIMA (STCW CONVENTION) MARITIME ORDER 2026

Maritime Legal Development

**7th SIMA Workshop with ship operators
2 June 2026**

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OVERVIEW OF SIMA (**STCW CONVENTION**) MARITIME ORDER 2026



AREA OF NAVIGATION

- ▶ **Inshore voyage** means a voyage, trade, or operation of a ship within 30 nautical miles from the baselines of Solomon Islands.
- ▶ **Near-coastal voyage** means a voyage, trade, or operation of a ship within 200 nautical miles from the coast of any island and include a voyage, trade or operation in the high seas and waters subject to the jurisdiction of another State
- ▶ **Unlimited Voyage** means a voyage, trade, or operation of a ship beyond 200 nautical miles from the coast of any island including the high seas and waters subject to the jurisdiction of another State.

Schedule I- Qualifications to serve as Deck Officer

Certificate		Capacity	STCW Regulation
Deck officers			
Class 1	Master unlimited GT, unlimited voyage		Reg. II/2.1
	Mate unlimited GT, unlimited voyage		Reg. II/2.1
Watchkeeping Officer	Officer in Charge of a Navigational Watch unlimited GT, unlimited voyage		Reg. II/1.1
Class 2	Master GT<3000, unlimited voyage		Reg. II/2.3
	Subject to endorsement:		
	• Master GT<7000 GT, near-coastal voyage*		/
	Mate GT<3000 GT, unlimited voyage		Reg. II/2.3
Class 3	Subject to endorsement:		
	• Mate GT<7000, near-coastal voyage*		/
	Master GT<500, near-coastal voyage		Reg. II/3.5
	Officer in Charge of a Navigational Watch GT<500, near-coastal voyage		Reg. II/3.3
Class 4	Subject to endorsement:		
	• Master GT<500, unlimited voyage		Reg. II/3.7
	• Master GT<3000, near-coastal voyage *		/
	Master GT<500, inshore voyage		/
Class 5	Subject to endorsement:		
	• Master GT<3000, inshore voyage		/
	• Officer in Charge of a Navigational Watch GT<3000, near-coastal voyage*		/
	Master GT<80, inshore voyage		/
Class 6	Subject to endorsement:		
	• Mate GT<500, inshore voyage		/
	• Officer in Charge of a Navigational Watch GT<500, near-coastal voyage*		/
	Master GT<20 GT, inshore voyage		/
Class 6	Subject to endorsement:		
	• Mate GT<80, inshore voyage		/
	• Officer in Charge of a Navigational Watch GT<500, inshore voyage		/



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Schedule I- Qualifications to serve as Engineer Officer

Certificate		Capacity	STCW Regulation
Engineering officers			
Class 1	Chief Engineer Officer unlimited kW, unlimited voyage		Reg. III/2.1
	Second Engineer Officer unlimited kW, unlimited voyage		Reg. III/2.1
	Subject to endorsement: • Chief Engineer kW<3000		Reg. III/3.3
Watchkeeping Officer	Officer in Charge of an Engineering Watch unlimited kW, unlimited voyage		Reg. III/1.1
Class 2	Chief Engineer Officer kW<3000, unlimited voyage		Reg. III/3.1
	Subject to endorsement: • Chief Engineer Officer kW<6000, near-coastal voyage*		/
	Second Engineer Officer kW<3000, unlimited voyage		Reg. III/3.1
	Subject to endorsement: • Second Engineer Officer kW<6000, near-coastal voyage *		/
Class 3	Chief Engineer kW<750, unlimited voyage		/
	Subject to endorsement: • Chief engineer kW<750 near coastal voyages*		/
	• Second Engineer kW<3000, near-coastal voyage*		/
Class 4	Chief Engineer Officer kW<500, unlimited voyage		/
	Subject to endorsement: • Chief Engineer Officer kW<3000, inshore voyage		/
	• Second Engineer Officer kW<750, near-coastal voyage*		/
	• Officer in Charge of an Engineering Watch kW<3000, unlimited voyage		/
Class 5	Chief Engineer Officer kW<250		/
	Subject to endorsement: • Chief Engineer Officer kW<500, inshore voyage		/
	• Second Engineer Officer kW<750, inshore voyage		/
	• Officer in Charge of an Engineering Watch kW<750, near-coastal voyage*		/
Class 6	Chief Engineer Officer kW<250, inshore voyage		/
	Subject to endorsement: • Officer in Charge of an Engineering Watch kW<250, near-coastal voyage*		/

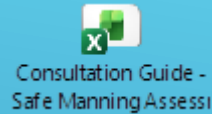
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Schedule I- Qualifications to serve as Deck & Engineer Rating

Deck ratings & able seafarers		
Watchkeeping Rating	Deck Watchkeeping Rating, unlimited GT, unlimited voyage	Reg. II/4.1
Able Seafarer	Deck Able Seafarer, unlimited GT, unlimited voyage	Reg. II/5.1
Engineering Ratings & Able Seafarers		
Watchkeeping Rating	Engineering Watchkeeping Rating unlimited kW, unlimited voyage	Reg. III/4.1
Able Seafarer	Engineering Watchkeeping Rating unlimited kW, unlimited voyage	Reg. III/5.1

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SAFE MANNING SPREAD SHEET SIMULATOR



Demonstration using practical examples-safe manning assessment tool.

1. MV Paclii- GT 471

KW 447

2. MV Kings- GT 751.46

KW 2207.38

3. MV Chiefs- GT 168

KW 2320

4. MV Topa- GT 75

KW 143.28

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COMMENTS AND FEEDBACK

Challenges on manning requirement and smaller vessels compliance

1. Potential conflicts between multiple officers of the same class (e.g., two Class 4 Engineers)
2. Need to clearly define OOW roles within unlimited voyages (e.g., Chief Officer, Second Officer).

Dispensation and capacity issue and dispensation fees

1. Lack of seafarer and capacity to meet engineering requirements
2. Concerns about the current dispensation fee structure, where the same fee applies despite varying dispensation durations and level of qualification

Benefit of the maritime order

1. Wait to have sufficient qualified seafarers available to manning vessels, particularly for Class 3, 2, and 1 positions
2. SIMA (STCW Convention) Maritime order must benefit ship owners, operators, seafarers, and SIMA when implemented

Training

1. Request assistance from SIMA to support training for Class 3, 2, OOW, and Class 1 (Master/Engineer) qualifications, incl. seetime

Stakeholders' engagement with Government and agencies

1. SIMTA and SISA to be included in consultation with SITESA and PMO/Government regarding issue of scholarship to share realities and operational challenges
2. Establish a joint SIMTA-SISA committee or secretariat to represent both organizations in future consultation meetings and workshops

Maritime training Policy development

1. Consider developing a dedicated maritime training policy and implementation plan in consultation with relevant stakeholders, to strengthen coordination and long-term capacity development for seafarers in Solomon Islands

PROPOSED WORKSHOP RECOMMENDATIONS

1. **Agree** to proceed with consultation for making of the SIMA (STCW Convention) Maritime Order by end of 2026 to comply with the STCW Convention.



Thank you

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