

## Seafaring Certificate Requirements

To sign on as a seafarer on the R.V. *Celtic Explorer* and/or R.V. *Tom Crean* all persons need to be in possession of valid documentation, which include:

- ENG-11 medical certificate, or approved equivalent
- Personal Survival Techniques (PST) certificate, or approved equivalent
- Proficiency in Security Awareness certificate
- Passport

Please note that the original documents must be taken onboard as copies will not suffice.

### 1. ENG-11 Medical Certificate

The current legislation came into effect in July 2014 under Marine Notice 38, published on the Department of Transport webpage. Only certain doctors, listed under [Approved Doctors](#), can issue ENG-11 medical certificates. The certs should be written on the approved form (see example 1, page 5).

ENG-11 medical certificates are valid for 2 years from issue date and should be checked to ensure the following:

- Expiry date on the form is *after* the end of your next cruise
- Date of birth is correct

Seafarers' medical certificates from some other countries (all EU states and several others) are accepted *if the cert is of the type approved by that state* (it might be called something else than ENG-11, for example in the UK it would be the ENG-1). A full list of countries whose seafaring medical certificates are accepted are listed in Annex b of Marine Notice No.38 of 2014.

### 2. Personal Survival Techniques (PST) certificate

Everybody working on Irish research vessels must have taken a training course in Personal Survival Techniques (PST) approved under the STCW 78/95 convention. **The exact course title is:** Training for the issue of Certificates of Proficiency in Personal Survival Techniques STCW 78/95 Regulation VI/I and STCW Code Section A-VI/I Paragraph 2.1.1

PST certificates are valid for 5 years from the issue date and should be checked to ensure the following:

- Course provider is on the list of approved course providers
- Issue date on form is within the 5 year period

If you, or any foreign scientist or contractor who joins the ship from abroad (including the UK), has any other kind of marine safety course cert, it is acceptable if:

- the country has signed the SOLAS and STCW conventions - most countries have.
- there is a clear reference to the STCW convention on the cert.

If there is no mention of the STCW -78/95 convention on the cert, it unfortunately cannot be accepted. If you need to organize a PST course for scientists joining your cruise, a list of approved course providers can be found here [PST Course Providers](#).

### 3. Proficiency in Security Awareness certificate

The Security Awareness training should meet the requirements as set out in Table A-VI/6-1 of the STCW Code 1978, as amended IMO Model course 3.27.

This training is given to those onboard the ship who do not have a designated security duty. It will provide the essential education and training supported in Chapter XI-2 of the annex to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) 1974, as amended, and the International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code.

Security Awareness training certificates are valid for life.

The course takes c. 3hrs to complete online.

Please contact Research Vessel Operations for details of an online course provider.

### 4. Passport


You must bring a **current, valid** passport, in the event that the ship needs to enter a foreign port for some unplanned reason. (Since you don't know which country such a port call might be in, it's safer to have a passport than only a national ID card, which might not be recognized in every country).

## Examples


### 1. ENG-11 Medical Certificate

The expiry date (circled in red) should be after your next cruise and 2 years after the issuing date (within the green square). The doctor (circled in blue) should be on the list of approved doctors.

Form 3



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**SEAFARER MEDICAL CERTIFICATE (ENG11)**  
(Revised 1 January 2014)

*Medical Certificate issued under the provisions of the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW), 1978, as amended and the ILO Maritime Labour Convention 2006.*

**Authorising Authority:** Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport, IRELAND.

**Seafarer Information:**

Name (Last, first, middle): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Gender: (Male/Female): \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: (day/month/year): \_\_\_\_\_ Nationality: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Passport No. / Discharge Book No./Other identification (specify): \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Occupation (tick relevant box): Deck  Engine  Catering  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Declaration of Approved Doctor:** I have examined the above named seafarer in accordance with the standards in section A-1/9 of the STCW Code and my assessment is: *(Delete as applicable)*:

1. Confirmation that identification documents were checked at the point of examination: Yes/No
2. Hearing meets the required standards: Yes/No
3. Unaided hearing satisfactory: Yes/No
4. Visual activity meets required standards: Yes/No
5. Colour vision meets required standards: Yes/No
6. Date of last colour vision test (Required every six years): (day/month/year): 8, 12, 16
6. Fit for look-out duties? Yes/No
7. Is the sea-farer free from any medical condition likely to be aggravated by service at sea or to render the seafarer unfit for such service or to endanger the health of other persons on board? Yes/No

8. Fitness Category (tick relevant box):

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1. Fit - No Restrictions.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	2. Fit subject to restrictions as follows:	
<input type="checkbox"/>	3. Temporarily unfit	Estimated period of unfitness:
<input type="checkbox"/>	4. Permanently unfit	

Visual Aids (tick if worn): Spectacles  Contact Lenses

Date of examination: (day/month/year): 8, 12, 16

**Details of the Issuing Authority:**

Signature of Approved Doctor: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of Approved Doctor (Print): John Lally

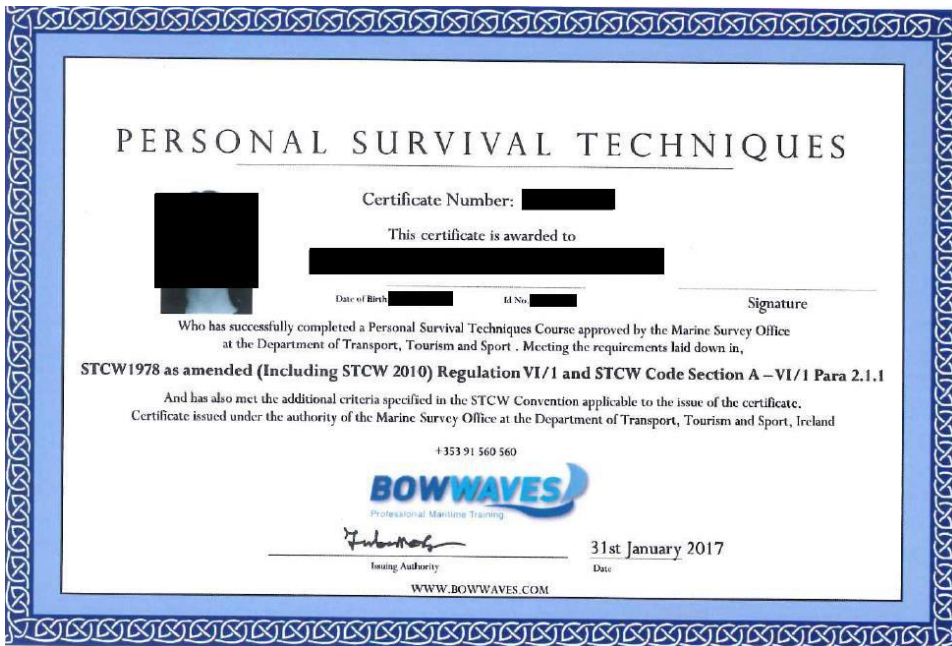
Official Stamp (including name)  
 John Lally  
 Seafarers  
 Gateway  
 No: 001 584155  
 Fax: 001 73252

Expiry date of certificate (day/month/year):  
*(Maximum period of validity two years)*  
8, 12, 18.

Seafarer declaration: I have read and understand the notes overleaf:  
 Seafarer's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. PST Certificate

The course provider is on the approved list, and the cert shows that the course is in accordance with STCW-78/95. The date of issue is no more than five years.



## 3. Security Awareness Training Certificate

