



**MINISTRY OF INFORMATION, COMMUNICATION, TRANSPORT
AND TOURISM DEVELOPMENT
REPUBLIC OF KIRIBATI**

MARINE DEPARTMENT

MARINE NOTICE 01/2020

PURPOSE

The purpose of this marine notice is to advise flag states, port states, vessel owners, operators, licensed pilots, masters and crews that the Kiribati Marine Department (Marine Department) within the Ministry Information, Transport and Tourism Development (MICTTD), has taken steps to effectively extend the duration of Kiribati Marine Departments issued:

- Standards of Training Certification and Watchkeeping (STCW) Certificates
- Certificates of medical fitness and
- Fishing Vessel Personnel Certificates

If they would otherwise expire during the period between April 2020 and December 2020.

STCW certificates include a certificate of recognition, a certificate of proficiency as a rating, a GMDSS radio operator certificate, a certificate of proficiency as marine cook and qualified steward.

Implementation

During this time of uncertainty that has been caused by COVID-19 and in line with the advice from the International Maritime Organisation (IMO), the Marine Department within MICTTD has taken pragmatic approach to seafarer certification.

As a result, the Marine Department has implemented arrangements that:

- Extend the expiry date of all Kiribati issued STCW certificates and associated endorsements, expiring between 1st April to 1 November 2020, for a period of 6 months from the expiry date noted on the certificate
- Extend the validity of Kiribati Marine Medical fitness issued certificates of medical fitness expiring between 01 April 2020 to 01 November 2020, for a period of six months from the date of expiry
- Enable owners and masters of ships to permit personnel subject above, to continue performing duties.

There is no requirement for vessel owners, operators or seafarers to apply to the Marine Department for the above measures to be used.

Revalidation

The above measures apply to all Kiribati issued STCW certificates. However, those seafarers who meet the eligibility requirements for revalidation, and have the ability to make an application before the expiry date of the certificate, are strongly encouraged to apply to revalidate their certificate before it expires.

Revalidation of expired certificates.

Please note that when the time comes to revalidate an expired certificate, the new replacement certificate will be issued for a period of five years from the original certificate of expiry date.

Further information

Should you require any further assistance or information, please contact the Kiribati Marine Department on +686 74026003 during working hours (0800hrs to 1615hrs Local time (UTC+12hrs)) or email to marine.officer@mcttd.gov.ki
