

Directive (EU) 2017/2397 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 December 2017 on the recognition of professional qualifications in inland navigation and repealing Council Directives 91/672/EEC and 96/50/EC (Text with EEA relevance)

CHAPTER 3

CERTIFICATION OF PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

SECTION I

Procedure for issuing Union certificates of qualification and specific authorisations

Article 11

Issuing and validity of Union certificates of qualification

- 1 Member States shall ensure that applicants for Union certificates of qualification as a deck crew member and Union certificate of qualification for specific operations provide satisfactory documentary evidence:
 - a of their identity;
 - b that they meet the minimum requirements laid down in Annex I on age, competence, administrative compliance and navigation time for the qualification for which they have applied;
 - c that they meet the standards for medical fitness in accordance with Article 23, where applicable.
- 2 Member States shall issue Union certificates of qualification after having verified the authenticity and validity of the documents provided by the applicants and after having verified that the applicants have not already been issued a valid Union certificate of qualification.
- 3 The Commission shall adopt implementing acts establishing models for Union certificates of qualification and for single documents combining Union certificates of qualification and service record books. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the advisory procedure referred to in Article 33(2).
- 4 The validity of the Union certificate of qualification as a deck crew member shall be limited to the date of the next medical examination required pursuant to Article 23.
- 5 Without prejudice to the limitation referred to in paragraph 4, Union certificates of qualification as a boatmaster shall be valid for up to a maximum of 13 years.
- 6 Union certificates of qualification for specific operations shall be valid for up to a maximum of five years.