
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**The Merchant Shipping (Training
and Certification) Regulations 1997**

**PART III:
HOVERCRAFT**

Mandatory minimum requirements for the training of hovercraft personnel.

22.—(1) This Part of the Regulations applies to every sea-going hovercraft registered in the United Kingdom which was constructed on or after 1st January 1996.

(2) It shall be the duty of every owner of a hovercraft to which this Part applies to ensure that masters and officers, ratings and other personnel have completed the training specified by the Secretary of State.

(3) It shall be the duty of any person providing the training referred to in this regulation to issue documentary evidence to every person successfully completing such training. In the case of masters, and of officers having an operational role on high speed craft, the documentary evidence shall be a certificate in a form specified by the Secretary of State and shall be endorsed in a manner specified by the Secretary of State.

(4) Any owner who contravenes paragraph (2) above shall be guilty of an offence, and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum, or on conviction on indictment, to a fine.

Certificates

23. Regulations 17, 18 and 19 apply to certificates issued under regulation 22 above as they apply to certificates issued under Part II.

Exemptions

24. The Secretary may exempt the owner of any hovercraft from any of the requirements of regulation 22 above subject to such conditions as he may specify, and may alter or cancel any exemption so granted.