



ST KITTS & NEVIS INTERNATIONAL SHIP REGISTRY

MARITIME CIRCULAR – MC 146 25 (Rev.1)

CONTINUOUS DISCHARGE CERTIFICATE IDENTITY DOCUMENT (DISCHARGE BOOK)

1. Purpose

1.1. The purpose of this Marine Circular is to inform all Maritime Registrars, Ship Owners, Ship Managers and Ship Operators of the mandatory requirement for all seafarers serving onboard a St. Kitts and Nevis flagged vessel to hold a valid Continuous Discharge Certificate Identity Document/Discharge Book (CDC) with immediate effect.

2. Background

2.1. Following consultation with the Government of St. Kitts and Nevis, it was identified that CDCs had not been issued to ALL crew members, but only to officers serving onboard St. Kitts and Nevis vessels.

2.2. Furthermore, the review found that there was no delineation within the legislation between either officers or ratings and that the legislation should apply to all those serving onboard a St. Kitts and Nevis flagged vessel.

3. Key Information

3.1. The Merchant Shipping Act (MSA) CAP.7.05, Part V, 141 states:

Discharge books.

141. (1) The Minister may make regulations providing

- (a) for the issue to persons who are or have been employed in Saint Christopher and Nevis ships of discharge books in such form and containing such particulars with respect to the holders thereof and such other particulars (if any) as may be prescribed by the regulations and for requiring such persons to apply for such discharge books;*
- (b) for requiring the holders of discharge books to produce them to such persons and in such circumstances as may be prescribed by the regulations;*
- (c) for the surrender of discharge books in such circumstances as may be prescribed by the regulations;*
- (d) for any incidental or supplementary matters for which the Minister thinks it expedient for the purposes of the regulations to provide, and any provision of the regulations having effect by virtue of paragraph (a) may be so framed as to apply to all such persons as are in that paragraph or any description of such persons and as to have effect subject to any exemptions for which provision may be made by the regulations.*

4. Implementation and Compliance

4.1. In accordance with the legislation, as per the extract presented in paragraph 3.1., ALL crew members serving onboard a St. Kitts and Nevis flagged vessel, and who have completed the mandatory minimum of prescribed basic safety training, as per the STCW Basic Safety Training (BST), including its

crucial components such as Sea Survival, Fire Fighting and Elementary First Aid, shall be required to hold and present their CDC when boarding the St. Kitts and Nevis flagged vessel.

4.2. In line with the introduced IMO amendments to the STCW Code Table A VI/1-4, this Administration requires, that any STCW basic safety training taken after 1 January 2026 should include the revised Personal Safety and Social Responsibilities course. Please refer for more information to MC 150 26 issued by this Administration.

If you have any questions, please contact this office at enquiries@skanregistry.com

Yours truly,

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1.0	n/a	15/07/2025	Initially issued
1.0	Rev.1	11/02/2026	Changes to Section 4. Information about the revised training course applicable by this Administration effectively from 1 January 2026