

23 January Webinar on STCW Final Rule

The Coast Guard will be holding a virtual meeting about the [new Final Rule \(FR\)](#) entitled, “Implementation of the Amendments to the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978 (STCW), as Amended, and Changes to National Endorsements.”

This Final Rule makes necessary changes to our regulations for clarification and needed updates. In an effort to provide a clear understanding on the new regulations, the Coast Guard will be holding a virtual meeting to present the major areas of change in national regulations and implementation of those changes.

The virtual meeting will take place on January 23, 2014, from 10 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. Attendance can be via the internet or by teleconference or by both. If joining via the internet, go to the [DCO Connect](#) website and choose the “Enter as a Guest” option. Access to the internet site for the visual part of the meeting will not be restricted. If joining by teleconference, call (888) 790-2035 and enter the passcode 2251051#. Please note that the audio feed via the teleconference line is limited to the first 250 participants. To fully participate in the meeting, participants should call the teleconference line for audio feed and the above website for the visual feed of presentations.

The presentations will also be available for download via the [National Maritime Center website](#), under the Video Library page, shortly before the meeting.

If technical difficulties are encountered during the meeting, participants should call (202) 372-8019.

Please note that during this meeting, no specific questions will be answered. The Coast Guard will accept questions via internet chat during the meeting and via e-mail submission at STCWask@uscg.mil. Responses will be incorporated into the Frequently Asked Questions located on the [National Maritime Center's \(NMC\)](#) website.

The Coast Guard will be hosting a subsequent public meeting on February 11, 2014 in Washington, DC. Additional details will be discussed during this meeting and promulgated through various means in the near future.

For further information on how to participate in this meeting, please contact Mr. E.J. Terminella via e-mail at Emanuel.J.TerminellaJr@uscg.mil or (202) 372-1239, as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

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