

Merchant Shipping (Discharge Books) Regulations 1996

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THE SCHEDULE

MERCHANT SHIPPING ACT 1995
(ACT 19 OF 1995)

MERCHANT SHIPPING (DISCHARGE BOOKS) REGULATIONS 1996

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 90 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1995, the Minister for Communications hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Merchant Shipping (Discharge Books) Regulations 1996 and shall come into operation on 2nd February 1996.

Persons who may apply for discharge book

2. Every person who —

- (a) is a citizen or a permanent resident of Singapore; and
- (b) has undergone a course conducted by any approved training establishment or any approved apprenticeship scheme,

may apply for a discharge book.

Application for discharge book

3.—(1) A person applying for a discharge book shall —

- (a) make an application in accordance with paragraph (2);
- (b) unless it has been lost or destroyed, produce to the Director the last discharge book previously held by him; and
- (c) if the last discharge book previously held by him has been lost or destroyed, produce to the Director a statutory declaration to that effect.

(2) An application for the issue of a discharge book shall be made in writing to the Director and shall state the applicant's name and the other particulars as set out in the Schedule.

(3) An applicant shall furnish to the Director a passport-size photograph of himself and such other documents as the Director may require for a proper consideration of the application.

Issue of discharge book

4. When a person applying for a discharge book has paid the prescribed fee, the Director shall issue to him a discharge book.

Form and contents of discharge book

5. A discharge book shall be in a book form and shall provide for there to be recorded in it from time to time, in relation to its holder, statements of the following particulars:

- (a) the particulars set out in the Schedule;
- (b) the name of each ship in which he is employed, its port of registry, official number and gross or nett registered tonnage, the capacity in which he is employed in the ship, the date on which and the place at which he begins to be so employed, and the description of each voyage and the date and place of his discharge; and
- (c) the dates and nature of training courses (including pre-sea training courses) he has attended and the certificates or other qualifications (if any) obtained.

Entries in discharge book

6.—(1) An entry in a discharge book of any of the particulars referred to in paragraph 5 may be made by the Director.

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (1), an entry in a discharge book of any of the particulars referred to in regulation 5(b) may be made by —

- (a) the master of the ship in which the holder of the discharge book is employed; or
- (b) one of ship's officer authorised by the master in that behalf.

(3) Any person authorised by this regulation to make an entry in a discharge book shall, upon the discharge book being produced to him for that purpose, make the entry unless the entry of the same particulars appears to have been duly made in the discharge book.

(4) A master who authorises an officer of his ship to make an entry in a discharge book on his behalf shall enter in the official log book the name and rank of the officer so authorised.

Correction of entries

7. The Director may at any time correct any entry in a discharge book.

Making of authorised entry, etc., in discharge book