

**APPLICATION FOR ORIGINAL SEAFARER CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY
BY EXAMINATION AND TRAININ****PART 1. PERSONAL DESCRIPTION AND INFORMATION**

	Surname	
	Given Name(s)	
	Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)	
	Sex	☐ Male ☐ Female
	Place of Birth (City and Country)	
	Citizenship	
	Permanent address (street, city and country)	
	Address to which certificate is to be mailed	
	Name and relationship of person to be notified in emergency	
	Address of person named in block 9 (if same as bloc 7, write "same")	

PART 2. DESCRIPTION OF HIGHEST-GRADE Nicaragua international aquatic transportation Administration, (NIATA) AND FOREIGN OFFICER CERTIFICATE NOW HELD, IF ANY

	Grade of Officer Certificate	Certificate No.	Date Issued	Date Expires	Country of Issue
a) NIATA					
b) Foreign					
c) GMDSS					

COMPLETE ONLY IF NATIONAL OFFICER CERTIFICATE DOES NOT REQUIRE TRAINING AS OUTLINED ONPAGE 4

Training (Name of School and Address)	Dates Attended		Type of Certificate Received Upon Graduation
	From	To	

PART 3. APPLICATION FOR EXAMINATION

I Hereby apply for examination in the grade of:			
The documents indicated below will be submitted by me to the Test Supervisor:	SIRB or Card No.		☐ Yes ☐ No
	Passport No.		☐ Yes ☐ No
	NIATA Certificate No.		☐ Yes ☐ No
Test Center at which examination will take place			
Date on which I will report for examination			
Language in which examination questions are imposed			
Name and Type of vessel on which I serve now (or will join)			

PART 4. SEA SERVICE

List and submit proof of at least the minimum service required during the last five (5) years or more to establish eligibility for the officer certificate requested.

If you list service aboard NIATA flagged vessels in an officer capacity, you must describe the NIATA officer certificate held in Part 2 (a).

Propulsion (Steam or Motor)	Name of Vessel	IMO Number	Type of Vessel	Deck Officers Gross Tonnag Engineers kW Propulsion Power	Flag	Capacity in which served	PERIOD OF SERVICE					
							From			To		
							Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year

PART 5. NAUTICAL, ENGINEERING OR RADIO SCHOOLS ATTENDED

(To be completed by all candidates claiming school attendance to supplement or in lieu of sea service)

Name of School	Address	Dates Attended		Type of Degree or Diploma Received upon Graduation
		From	To	

PART 6. AFFIDAVIT OF CANDIDATE

I hereby affirm that all information provided by me in this application and its supporting documents and proofs are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief; further, that no certificate issued to me heretofore by any Government has ever been revoked or suspended, or, if revoked or suspended, a full explanation of the circumstances is attached here to and made part of this application.

I also, hereby acknowledge and affirm that I have reviewed and agreed with NIATA [Policy](#).

Name of Candidate:	
Date of Application:	
Signature of Candidate;	

CERTIFICATE CANNOT BE ISSUED UNLESS CANDIDATE SIGNS

PART 7 CANDIDATES FOR OFFICERS CERTIFICATE AT THE MANAGEMENT LEVEL MUST SIGN THIS AFFIDAVIT. AKNOWLEDGEMENT

These candidates include Master and Chief Mate candidate, as well as Chief Engineer and First Assistant Candidates and the Offshore Installation Manager on Mobile Offshore Units.

I hereby acknowledge and affirm that I have been informed that a copy of the publication ("Familiarization with the National Maritime Legislation") is available for review online at

I will review this publication to ensure that I become familiar with the national maritime legislation of Nicaragua, which is relevant to the functions to be performed by me on board for which I have applied to be certified

I also, hereby acknowledge and affirm that I have reviewed and agreed with NIATA [Policy](#).

Name of Candidate: _____

Signature of Candidate; _____

PART 8. GENERAL INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS

For candidate reference only DO NOT SUBMIT WITH APPLICATION

1. READ INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY

Enter all required information. Please use typewriter or print legibly. Failure to properly complete the application or to submit required supporting proofs, etc., will result in rejection of the application or delay its approval. All documentation, except the photo, should be stapled behind the application at the top center of the page where it says (STAPLE DOCUMENTATION HERE).

2. WHERE TO APPLY:

Applications may be submitted to any Authorized NIATA Filing Agent or may be submitted by mail or in person to an NIATA Office:

3. DOCUMENTS TO BE FILLED IN WITH THIS APPLICATION

The following documents, letter and proofs must be submitted together with this application:

- a) **One (1) photograph** – Facial front view of candidate, passport size, taken within one (1) year preceding application. Photo may be black and white or color, 1.75" (45mm x 45mm) in size and should be glued into upper left-hand corner. DO NOT STAPLE OR WRITE NAME ON FRONT OF PHOTOGRAPH.
- b) **Physical examination report** – All candidates for examination and holders of national STCW certificates are required to submit a physical examination report on International medical form or Nicaragua Medical Examination Form F.018, or on the official medical examination form of a country which is party to ILO Convention No. 73 on Medical Examination of Seafarers. All medical examination forms must be completed and signed by a licensed physician. This physical examination must have been performed within 24 months prior to the date of making application.
- c) **One (1) letter of recommendation** – From candidate's most recent employer
- d) **Proof of sea service** - Submit proof of at least the minimum service required to establish eligibility for the officer's certificate examination being requested. Candidates must submit at least one (1) year's total sea service in the last five (5) years in an acceptable capacity and provide evidence of having been properly certificated for that capacity by an administration acceptable to the NIATA Administration as specified in paragraph 7 below.
- e) **Proof of foreign officer certificate** - The foreign officer certificate must have a valid "STCW Convention Endorsement" and be issued by a country recognized by the NIATA. Candidates who apply in person at an NIATA office, or authorized filing agent office must submit their original foreign Certificate of Competence (CoC) along with one (1) clear photocopy of the original (the original certificate will be promptly returned to the candidate). Candidates who submit them application by mail must submit a duplicate original of their foreign CoC, a clear photocopy of the original authenticated by the issuing authority or by a consular officer of the issuing state, a clear photocopy of the original plus a current certificate of their issuing authority describing the certificate and the holder so as to identify both, or a clear photocopy made by a notary public, commissioner for oaths or other officer authorized by law to administer oaths, verifying that such officer made the photocopy from the original presented to him, and attaching the customary certificate of a public official authenticating the signature of such notary, commissioner or officer.
- f) If the candidate is applying for their first officer's certificate, that is Third Mate or Third Assistant Engineer, evidence of completion of nautical or marine engineering school training must be submitted, as appropriate.
- g) Documents not presented in the English Language must have certified English translations attached and enclosed with the application. These certified translations must identify the translator for verification purposes.
- h) **Evidence of foreign training certificate** – Radar simulator training, advanced firefighting training, GMDSS certification, first aid training, advanced medical training, survival craft / rescue boat training, automatic radar plotting aids (ARPA) training, and Electronic Chart Display and Information System (ECDIS) training, as applicable –Must be submitted. SEE PARAGRAPH 6 FOR TRAINING REQUIREMENTS.

4. SCHEDULE OF FEES

See section 14.0 in the fee schedule on the website, Payment must be made by bank transfer & Fees may also be paid online by credit card/ PayPal Card.

5. AGE AND CITIZENSHIP REQUIREMENTS

Candidates for officer certificates as Officer in Charge of a Navigation Watch (OICNW) Third Mate, or Officer in Charge of an Engineering Watch (OICEW). Third Assistant Engineer and GMDSS Operator must be at least 18 years of age, candidates for all other grades of certificates must be at least 21 years of age Candidates may be of any nationality acceptable to the Administrator and need not be NIATA citizens or residents.

6. TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

- a. **Firefighting training** – Every candidate for a Master or Mate's certificate or an engineer officer certificate must submit proof of completion of an advanced firefighting course.
- b. **Radar simulator training** – Every candidate for a Master, Chief Mate, OICNW Second / Third Mate / Mate's certificate must submit proof of completion of a marine radar simulator course.
- c. **GMDSS certification** – Every candidate for Master, Chief Mate, OICNW Second / Third Mate / Mate's certificate must hold GMDSS certification.
- d. **Medical First Aid training** – Every candidate for a Master, Chief Mate, OICNW Second / Third Mate / Mate's certificate and every candidate for an engineer officer's certificate must complete medical first aid training.
- e. **Survival craft / rescue boat training** – Every candidate for a Master, Chief Mate, OICNW Second / Third Mate / Mate's certificate and every candidate for an engineer officer's certificate must complete survival craft/rescue boat training.
- f. **Automatic Radar Plotting Aids (ARPA) training** - Every candidate for a Master, Chief Mate, OICNW Second / Third Mate / Mate's certificate must complete automatic radar plotting aids (ARPA) training.
- g. **Electronic Chart Display and Information System (ECDIS) training** – Every candidate for Master, Chief Mate, OICNW Second / Third Mate / Mate's certificate must complete ECDIS training.
- h. **Bridge Resource Management (BRM) training** – Every candidate for Master, Chief Mate, OICNW Second / Third Mate / Mate's certificate must complete BRM training.
- i. **Leadership and Teamwork training** – Every candidate for Master, Chief Mate, OICNW Second / Third Mate / Mate's certificate must complete Leadership and Teamwork training.
- j. **Security Training**– Every candidate for a Master or Mate's certificate or an engineer officer certificate must submit proof of completion of Security Training.
- k. **Engine Resource Management**– Every candidate for an engineer officer certificate must submit proof of completion of an Engine Resource Management training.
- l. **Training in high voltage systems**– Every candidate for an engineer officer certificate must submit proof of completion of training in high voltage systems.
- m. **Marine Environmental Awareness**
- n. **International Maritime Dangerous Goods (IMDG) Code**
- o. **International Maritime Solid Bulk Cargoes Code (IMSBC)**
- p. **International Aeronautical and Maritime Search and Rescue Manual (IAMSAR)**
- q. **Leadership and Managerial training and**
 - Advanced Meteorology
 - Advanced Navigation
 - Advance Ship Handling
 - Advanced Stability are required for all Deck Officers at the management level
- r. **Leadership and Managerial training are** required for all Engine Officers at the management level.

7. SEA SERVICE REQUIREMENTS

Candidates for NIATA examinations must prove the "total " amount of sea service/marine training required for the grade of certificate for which application is made; e.g., a candidate for Second Mate must show one (1) year service as a certificated Third Mate or five (5) years' service in the deck department. For sea service requirements for NIATA examination see REQUIREMENTS FOR SEAFARER CERTIFICATION BY EXAMINATION. Obtainable upon request a seaman@niataregister.org

8. GLOBAL MARITIME DISTRESS AND SAFETY SYSTEM (GMDSS) CERTIFICATES

Restricted Operator General Operation Second Class Radio Electronic Operator and Maintainer First Class Radio Electronic Operator and Maintainer

Previous service not required the candidate must present a foreign certificate in equivalent grade for STCW certification the candidate must complete an approved GMDSS training program.

9. EXAMINATIONS

Guideline Booklets giving test center locations, subject matter and typical questions for all certificate grades are obtainable upon request at seaman@niataregister.org or <http://www.niataregister.org/> Applications must be received no later than 21 days before the date on which the candidate wishes to be tested.