

## STCW Frequently Asked Questions: Use of Non-U.S. Personnel

- 1. Is it correct to believe a mariner who is a citizen of nation X serving on a U.S.-flag vessel on a near-coastal voyage in the waters of nation X holding near-coastal credentials issued by nation X is permitted to serve on that vessel (subject to 46 CFR 11 Subpart J)?**

Assuming that this individual is from a nation which is on a list of countries of which the U.S. recognizes their STCW certificates, the officer would be permitted to serve on that U.S. vessel. Such an officer would need to obtain a certificate attesting to recognition, in accordance with the requirements found in 46 CFR 11 Subpart J, or may serve for a period not to exceed 3 months while the Coast Guard is processing his or her application for such a certificate.

- 2. What documentation/endorsement, if any, does a mariner who is a citizen of nation Z serving on a U.S.-flag vessel on a near-coastal voyage in the waters of nation X holding near-coastal credentials issued by nation Z need to serve on this vessel? Is it just 46 CFR 11 Subpart J, or something more?**

Assuming that the officer meeting this criteria holds a certificate issued by a country whose certificates the U.S. has determined it will recognize, he or she would need a certificate attesting recognition as required by 46 CFR 15.720(e), and which requirements are found in 46 CFR 11 Subpart J. The officer may serve for a period not to exceed 3 months while the Coast Guard is processing his or her application for such a certificate.