



SET A COURSE OFFSHORE

FROM

ABLE SEAMAN
(NATIONAL – AB UNL/LTD/SPEC)

TO

ABLE SEAFARER/DECK
(International – AS/D)

With a minimum of 360 days of sea service, the National or Domestic AB requires 3 courses:

- Able Seaman
- Proficiency in Survival Craft (Lifeboatman), and
- STCW Basic Training.

The International AB, known as Able Seafarer/Deck or AS/D requires 2 additional courses:

- Rating Forming Part of Navigational Watch (RFPNW plus qualifying sea service), and
- Able Seafarer Deck (with practical assessments)

For more check out US Coast Guard requirements at [National Maritime Center \(NMC\) \(uscg.mil\)](https://www.uscg.mil). See the checklists at [Checklist NMC \(uscg.mil\)](https://www.uscg.mil).

Select the deck ratings and then choose and compare between National and STCW ratings checklists.

To go directly to the Able Seaman National checklist see [mcp_fm_nmc5_53_web.pdf \(uscg.mil\)](https://www.uscg.mil)

To go directly to the STCW Able Seafarer Deck checklist see [mcp_fm_nmc5_219_web.pdf \(uscg.mil\)](https://www.uscg.mil)

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