CONSULATE OF PANAMA  
HOUSTON - TEXAS  
SEAFARERS SECTION  

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ISSUANCE OF SEAMAN BOOKS, COURSE ENDORSEMENTS AND DUPLICATES

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1. [Application for Certificates and Endorsements](#) for Seafarers *(duly filled out and signed by the applicant with Black Ink)*.

2. One (1) full color passport photo 4 x 4 centimeters (shoulder and face exposed without hat & white background) Recently taken, no more than six (6) months old, the photo should be pasted on the application form.

3. Valid Passport (Copy)

4. Valid [Medical Fitness Certificate](#) according to Circular MMC 261 P.10

5. Money order or company check payable to **Consulate of Panama**. The cost for the Ordinary Seaman license is $185.00 plus, the cost of the required security endorsement.

6. Company Letter with Position Requested by the applicant (This letter must be submitted in letterhead paper indicating the company information clearly, applicant’s experience (if any), and must be signed by the legal representative of the company).

7. **STCW 78** amended Basic Training Courses  
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8. Security Awareness Course that meets the requirements of Table A-VI/6-1 of the **STCW 78** as amended ($20.00); **or**  
   - Security Training for Seafarers with Designated Security Duties of table A-VI/6-2 of STCw78 as amended ($40.00); **or**  
   - Ship Security Officer, table **A-VI-5** of **STCW 78** as amended ($60.00)  
   *(Must endorse with the Panama Maritime Authority)*

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