

Mutual recognition of qualifications in inland navigation *First appraisal*

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Mutual recognition process CCNR- Third States



- Signature of 7 administrative arrangements for the mutual recognition of **boatmaster's certificates**
- Signature of a multilateral administrative arrangement between CCNR and 7 non member States for the mutual recognition of **service record booklets**

The CCNR is nowadays associated with 7 non member States for which inland navigation is a significant economic activity (Austria, Bulgaria, Hungary, Poland, Czech Republic, Romania, Slovakia).

The CCNR now needs to work in cooperation with these 7 non members states in order to change regulation on qualification.



=> Group of national experts for the modernization of qualifications created (MQ/G)

Main tasks:

- Check genuine implementation
- Go on with the mutual recognition process
- Modernise requirements



1. Check genuine implementation

- Exam for mutual recognition of boatmasters' certificates based on:
 - comparison of legal requirements
 - comparison of program of administrative exam



Soon to be added

- common meetings of examination commissions
- Common database for the issued qualification titles
- Withdrawal/suspension/ban to navigate procedures



Is it enough? Any other suggestions?

- Audits by panels of international experts + white list like STCW?
- Other?



Service booklets

- Entries
 - Medical fitness entered according to national/Rhine regulation by issuing authority/ valid everywhere
 - Stamping of journeys and navigation time by any competent authority/ valid everywhere
 - Qualification entered according to national/Rhine regulation by issuing authority/ valid only on Rhine/ national waterways

- Does it work in practice?

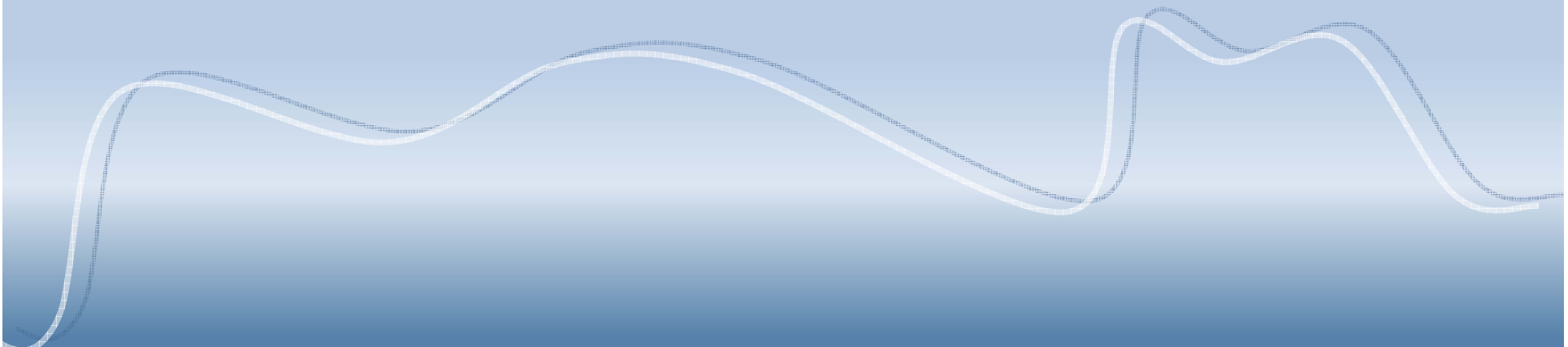


Soon to be added

- Common meetings of issuing authorities (MQ/G)
- Common database for the issued service booklets
- Digital version of service booklet?



Is it enough, any other suggestions?





2. Go on with mutual recognition process

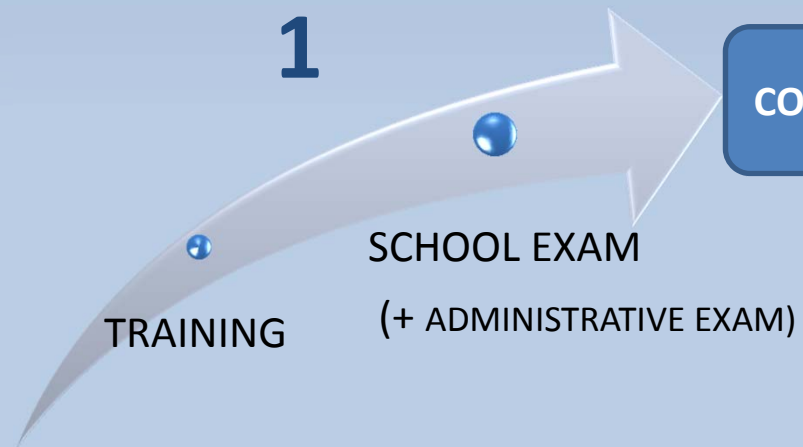
- Qualifications obtained through work experience are now recognised
- Launch process for recognition of qualifications obtained
 - through a combination of work experience and exam organised by administration ?
 - Through a combination of training and work experience?
 - Through a combination of training and exam organised by administration?
- Which other qualification to recognise as a matter of priority?
Sailors? Machinist? safety staff on-board passenger ships?
- Which method to check equivalence?



Main methods to gain competence

GAINED THROUGH TRAINING

1



GAINED THROUGH EXPERIENCE

2





Modernise requirements (see work programme STF(12)9)

- Reduce experience by using simulators
- Local knowledge requirement
- Medical fitness
- Specialisation modules for specific ships

⇒ What is the priority?