

# **Abstract**

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ABSTRACT Seafarers are the core element of the shipping industry and demand for competent and well educated seafarers has been growing. Due to the global nature of shipping industry, structured, standardized, internationally accepted, monitored, and assessed education and training are vital elements to meet this demand and expectations of the shipping industry. STCW convention adapted by IMO in 1978 and revised in 1995, defines standards for training, certification and watch keeping for seafarers. According to the STCW 95 convention, all Maritime Education and Training MET shall be monitored by the administration through a quality standards system and the STCW Code A-1/8 states that an independent evaluation should be conducted at periods of not less than five years.