



Ship Type: All Trade Area: Singapore

Bulletin 281 - 01/03 - Visa requirements for ships crew - Singapore

We have been advised that the Singapore Immigration & Registration (SIR) has issued a circular to update the shipping community on the visa requirements imposed on ships' crew.

In line with visa requirements imposed on visitors/crew from Assessment Level 2 countries, Bangladeshi crew are now required to arrive with a valid entry visa, whether they are joiners, signing off or through crew. With effect from 23 Dec 2002, all Bangladeshi crew are required to arrive with valid entry visa. Those who are not able to furnish a visa during arrival will be refused entry. Below we have attached a table on the visa conditions for crew.

SIR has also recently reviewed the list of recognized seafarers' identity documents. With immediate effect, the seafarers' identity document issued by the following countries will be added to the current list of seafarers' identity document recognized by Singapore for purpose of joining vessels, arriving and departing Singapore on board vessels or for repatriation, if they meet immigration requirements: Burundi, Congo, Estonia, Jordan (visa required), Latvia, Lithuania, Romania and Venezuela.

Visa Requirements For Crew

Countries	Joiners	Through crew: Arrive and depart on board vessels	Sign-off
Without Visa Imposition	Entry visa is not required. Shipping agents are to furnish LGs confirming that persons are crew arriving to join vessels.	Entry visa is not required.	Entry visa is not required. Shipping agents are to furnish LGs and confirmed air-tickets.
Assessment level 1 International passports held by Assessment Level 1 seamen, i.e. passports issued by Cambodia, Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS = Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan), India, Laos, Myanmar, People Republic of China (PRC) and Vietnam.	Entry visa is not required if the crew are eligible for VFTF. Shipping agents are to furnish LGs confirming that persons are crew arriving to join vessels.	Entry visa is not required.	Entry visa is not required if the crew are eligible for VFTF. Shipping agents are to furnish LGs and confirmed air-tickets.
Assessment level 1 Recognized seafarers' identity document held by Assessment Level 1 seamen, i.e. seafarers' identity document issued by Georgia, India, People's Republic of China, Russian Federation, Ukraine and Vietnam. [Note: Seamen arriving in Singapore not joining vessel but in transit to a third country, requesting a VFTF must produce their international passports and may be subjected to other	Entry visa is required for PRC and Vietnam nationals. Shipping agents are to furnish LGs confirming that persons are crew arriving to join vessels.	Entry visa not required.	Entry visa not required if the crew are eligible for VFTF. Shipping agents are to furnish LGs and confirmed air-tickets.

requirements, where applicable.]			
<p>Assessment level 2 International passports or recognized seafarers' identity document held by Assessment Level 2 seamen, i.e. passports issued by Afghanistan, Algeria, Bangladesh, Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, Tunisia, Yemen, Holders of Palestinian Authority Passport, Holders of Refugees Travel Document issued by the Middle East Countries and Holders of Temporary Passport issued by United Arab Emirates.</p>	<p>Entry visa is required. Shipping agents are to furnish LGs confirming that persons are crew arriving to join vessels.</p>	<p>Entry visa is required.</p>	<p>Entry visa is required. Shipping agents are to furnish LGs and confirmed air-tickets.</p>