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Application for endorsement of goc or roc certificate

Please return this form to:
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or with secure email:
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This is an application form for an Endorsement, which validates the standard of competence of GOC or ROC. An Endorsement is issued only to a person who obtains a valid GOC or ROC certificate with holder's photography. An administrative fee is collected for every issued Endorsement. Instructions on the back side of this form.

1. Details of the applicant

Family name		
Given names		Personal ID
Telephone number	Email address	
Address		
Postal number	Postal office	
Endorsement of ☐ GOC ☐ ROC	Number and date of issue of the certificate GOC: ROC:	
Date	Signature of applicant and name in block letters	

2. Use of radio equipment

Date	Explanation and identification of called station	Equipment (please tick box as appropriate)		
		☐ VHF-DSC ☐ MF/HF-DSC	Frequency or channel	
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		☐ VHF-DSC ☐ MF/HF-DSC	☐ VHF ☐ GMDSS SAT	☐ EPIRB ☐ SART
		☐ VHF-DSC ☐ MF/HF-DSC	☐ VHF ☐ GMDSS SAT	☐ EPIRB ☐ SART
		☐ VHF-DSC ☐ MF/HF-DSC	☐ VHF ☐ GMDSS SAT	☐ EPIRB ☐ SART
		☐ VHF-DSC ☐ MF/HF-DSC	☐ VHF ☐ GMDSS SAT	☐ EPIRB ☐ SART

3. Date and signature of master and name in block letters

I assure that the applicant is capable of using vessel's GMDSS radio station and that the records above are correct.

Date	Stamp of the vessel
Signature of master and name in block letters. (In case the master is the applicant the chief officer's signature is required.)	

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Myöntämispäivämäärä	MTUT	MTOD	Kurssitodistuksen päiväys

The Finnish Transport and Communications Agency issues an Endorsement to a person who has obtained a valid GMDSS certificate and has provided evidence to meet the standard of competence according to the STCW Convention.

Requirement for gaining an Endorsement for GOC or ROC certificate issued by a foreign administration:

- Only section 1 of the application form is to be filled and a copy of a valid GOC or ROC issued by a foreign administration must be enclosed to the application (no seagoing service or use of GMDSS radio equipment is needed).
  If the applicant is not a Finnish citizen, a copy of the applicant's passport must be enclosed to the application.

Requirements for gaining an Endorsement for a Finnish GOC or ROC certificate:

- Sufficient use of GMDSS radio equipment equivalent to his/her radio operator's certificate and at least 360 days seagoing service during the last five years or at least 90 days seagoing service during the immediate preceding six months.

NOTE1! Seagoing service may be replaced by deck officer's STCW certificate. In this case the validity period of the applied Endorsement will be the same as deck officer's certificate.

NOTE2! In case the Finnish Transport and Communications Agency has no record of sea going service of the applicant (for example service on board a foreign vessel) the applicant must provide a record of the seagoing service issued by the flag state administration or the shipping company.

or

- Qualified refreshment course approved by Finnish authorities. In this case the course certificate must be enclosed to the application and no seagoing service or use of radio equipment is needed.

or

- Qualified Endorsement degree carried out in Finland.

A copy of a valid medical certificate for seafarers´ is also needed.
More detailed instructions of the alternatives: www.traficom.fi

HOW TO FILL IN THE APPLICATION FORM IN CASE OF FINNISH GOC OR ROC:

If the application is based on seagoing service and use of GMDSS radio equipment the application form must contain at least eight different radio communication occurrences corresponding with the applicant's certificate.

The minimum requirement for radio communication with another station:

- GOC operators: at least four DSC communication records with an identified other station. At least two of these must be done with MF/HF/DSC equipment
- ROC operators: at least four VHF/DSC communication records with an identified other station.

In addition to the above, other use may concern other mandatory GMDSS equipment (such as testing EPIRB or SART equipment).

The entries in section 2 must be made according to the radio log of the vessel.

- Every row must have one entry regarding the use of one GMDSS equipment
- The other station must be identified with ship's name and call sign or MMSI number (if not EPIRB/SART test onboard).
- The equipment must be identified by ticking the relevant box.
- Ship's Master or Chief Officer must verify the records by his/her signature and name in block letters.

Example of entries:

2. Use of radio equipment

Date	Explanation and identification of called station	Equipment (please tick box as appropriate)	
June 2025	Test call to MRCC Turku, 002301000 acknowledgement received	☐ VHF-DSC ☒ MF/HF-DSC	Frequency or channel 2187,5 kHz
6 May 2025	Gabriella / OJHP 230361000	☒ VHF-DSC ☐ MF/HF-DSC	Frequency or channel VHF 70