



# IALA RECOMMENDATION

R0103 (V-103)

## TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION OF VTS PERSONNEL

**Edition 3.0**

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# DOCUMENT HISTORY

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Revisions to this IALA Document are to be noted in the table prior to the issue of a revised document.

Date	Details	Requirement for revision
1998	1 <sup>st</sup> issue	
7 December 2005	Edition 1.1 - Entire document Reformatting to meet IALA documentation standards	Council session 37
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December 2020	Edition 3.0 Whole document, to conform to the new IALA documentation structure. The Annex was transferred into Guideline GXXXX.	Council 72

# THE IALA COUNCIL

## RECALLING:

- 1 The function of IALA with respect to safety of navigation, the efficiency of maritime transport and the protection of the environment.
- 2 Article 8 of the IALA Constitution regarding the authority, duties and functions of the Council.
- 3 The provisions of IALA Standard S1050 on Training and Certification.

## NOTING:

- 1 That IALA fosters the safe, economic and efficient movement of vessels through the improvement and harmonization of Marine Aids to Navigation, including VTS, world-wide.
- 2 The International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) 1974, Chapter V (Safety of Navigation), Regulation 12 provides for vessel traffic services and states, inter-alia, that:
  - a Vessel traffic services (VTS) contribute to safety of life at sea, safety and efficiency of navigation and protection of the marine environment, adjacent shore areas, work sites and offshore installations from possible adverse effects of maritime traffic.
  - b Contracting Governments planning and implementing VTS shall, wherever possible, follow the guidelines developed by the Organization (International Maritime Organization Resolution A.857(20) on Guidelines for Vessel Traffic Services).
- 3 That IMO Resolution A.857(20) on Guidelines for vessel traffic services states, inter-alia, that:
  - a The safety and efficiency of maritime traffic and the protection of the marine environment would be improved if vessel traffic services were established and operated in accordance with internationally approved guidelines.
  - b Contracting Government or Governments or the competent authority should:
    - i) ensure that the VTS authority is provided with sufficient staff, appropriately qualified, suitably trained and capable of performing the tasks required;
    - ii) establish appropriate qualifications and training requirements for VTS operators; and
    - iii) ensure that provisions for the training of VTS operators are available.
- 4 That the IMO Maritime Safety Committee Circular (MSC.1/Circ.1065, as amended) invites Member States to bring the provisions for the training and certification of vessel traffic service personnel contained in IALA Recommendation R0103 (V-103) and its associated model courses to the attention of their competent authority, VTS authorities, VTS training organizations and any other parties concerned.
- 5 The functions of the IALA World-Wide Academy with respect to providing capacity building assistance to competent authorities and VTS authorities in the implementation of VTS training.

## RECOGNIZING:

- 1 That IALA Recommendation R0103(V-103) provides the framework to assist competent authorities and VTS authorities recruit, train and assess VTS personnel to ensure the harmonised delivery of vessel traffic services world-wide.

- 2 IALA guidelines related to the training and certification of VTS personnel include, for example:
  - a Recruitment, training and assessment of VTS personnel (Guideline GXXXX)
  - b Accreditation and approval process for VTS training (Guideline 1014)
  - c Simulation in VTS training (Guideline 1027)
  - d Train the trainer (Guideline 1103)
  - e Assessment of training for VTS (Guideline 1017)
- 3 IALA model courses related to the training of VTS personnel:
  - a Vessel Traffic Service Operator training (V-103/1)
  - b Vessel Traffic Service Supervisor training (V-103/2)
  - c Vessel Traffic Service On-the-Job training (V-103/3)
  - d Vessel Traffic Service On-the-Job Instructor (V-103/4)
  - e Revalidation process for VTS Qualifications and Certification (V-103/5)

**CONSIDERING** the proposals of the VTS Committee.

**ADOPTS** the Recommendation R0103(V-103) on the Training and Certification of VTS Personnel.

**RECOMMENDS** that competent authorities and VTS authorities implement and establish VTS training and certification in a standardised and harmonised manner in accordance with the guidelines and model courses developed by IALA.

**INVITES** National members and competent authorities for VTS to implement the provisions of this Recommendation and its associated guidelines and model courses on VTS training and certification.

**REQUESTS** the IALA VTS Committee or other committees as the Council may direct, to keep this Recommendation under review and to propose amendments as necessary.

**REVOKES** IALA Recommendation R0103(V-103) on the Standards for the Training and Certification of VTS Personnel Edition 2.2.