

Law of the DPRK on Seafarers

Chapter 3 Seafarers registration

Article 20 Seafarers registration organ

Seafarers registration shall be conducted by the maritime administration organs.

The maritime administration organs shall establish proper standards and procedures for registering seafarers and ensure strictness in registration.

Article 21 Application for seafarers registration

Application for seafarers registration shall be made by the ship operating institutions, enterprises and organizations.

The ship operating institutions, enterprises and organizations that intend to have their seafarers registered shall file the applications for seafarers registration with the maritime administration organs.

The applications for seafarers registration shall include necessary details of seafarers concerned including their identities, careers, kinds of education or training they have received and their competences certified, etc.

Article 22 Period of deliberation on seafarers registration

The maritime administration organs shall deliberate the applications for seafarers registration within seven days after receipt of them to approve or reject them.

The result of deliberation shall be notified in time to the ship operating institutions, enterprises and organizations who have submitted the applications.

Article 23 Requests for information for deliberation on seafarers registration

The maritime administration organs may request the necessary information for seafarers registration from the ship operating institutions, enterprises and organizations that have applied for seafarers' registration.

The ship operating institutions, enterprises and organizations shall timely provide such information to the maritime administration organs.

Article 24 Filing of complaints against the deliberation on the seafarers registration and disposal thereof

The ship operating institutions, enterprises and organizations that have complaints about the results of the deliberation of seafarers registration may file complaints with the maritime administration organs within 7 days after receipt of the notification of such results.

The maritime administration organs shall deliberate on the complaints and notify the relevant institutions, enterprises and organizations of the result in time.

Article 25 Seafarers' registration

The maritime administration organs shall enroll, in the Seafarers Register, the seafarers whose registration has been approved.

The registration shall be subject to revalidation every five years.

Article 26 Issue of the seafarer passport

The maritime administration organs shall issue the seafarer passports to the seafarers who have been registered. In this case, the seafarers shall be categorized into those engaged on international voyages and those engaged on domestic voyages and accordingly issued with appropriate certificates.

The seafarer passports issued to the seafarers engaged on international voyages serve as passports of the DPR Korea.

The validity of the seafarer passport shall not exceed five years.

Article 27 Issue of seafarer identity cards to foreign seafarers

The foreign seafarers who intend to serve on board the DPRK-flagged ships shall be issued with seafarer identity cards by the maritime administration organs.

In this case, seafarer passports, certificates of competency and training certificates issued by the relevant State shall be presented.

Article 28 Updated registration or deregistration of a seafarer

A seafarer shall be subject to updated registration or deregistration in the

following cases:

1. Name or affiliation of the institution, enterprise or organization which he/she works for has changed;
2. The seafarer's post has been changed; or
3. The seafarer has been dismissed or died.

Article 29 Reissuance of seafarer passports

The seafarer passport shall be reissued or revalidated in the following cases:

1. It has been lost;
2. It has been stained or damaged;
3. It has been expired; or
4. Its change record pages have run out.

Article 30 Return of the seafarer passport

If the seafarer has died or been dismissed, the relevant institutions, enterprises and organizations shall return his/her passport to the maritime administration organ within 30 days.

Where a seafarer passport is to be reissued, the outdated one shall be returned.