

SHIP SECURITY OFFICER (SSO)

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Those who successfully complete this course will be able to undertake the duties of an SSO, as defined in relevant section of the ISPS Code and the STCW Code. Typically, they include:

- Undertaking regular security inspections of the ship; ensure that appropriate measures are taken;
- Supervising the implementation of the Ship Security Plan;
- Coordinating the security aspects of passengers and/or the handling of cargo and ship's stores
- Enhancing security awareness and vigilance on board;
- Ensuring that adequate training has been provided to shipboard personnel, as appropriate;
- Ensuring that on board security drills and exercises are conducted as per plan;
- Reporting all security incidents; and
- Ensuring that security equipment is properly operated, tested, calibrated and maintained, if any.

ABOUT THE COURSE

This course is approved by the Palau International Ship Registry. It provides knowledge in communicating and coordinating effectively between ship and shore in: Assessing ship security, developing/implementing ship security plan, undertaking security inspections, reporting deficiencies, enhancing security awareness and coordinating with security agencies.

PARTICIPANTS

Those attending the SSO course shall have approved seagoing service of not less than 12 months or appropriate seagoing service and knowledge of ship operations; and those likely to be designated as SSO.

DURATION

Two & half days

KEY TOPICS

- Introduction: Current security threats in the maritime context.
- Maritime security policies: Relevant international conventions.
- Security responsibilities: Roles of SSO, CSO, PFSO
- Security Assessment, security survey, documentation
- Security plan: Contents, review & revision.
- Threat identification, response. Emergency preparedness & exercises
- Piracy & armed robbery
- Actions required by different security levels and communication channels
- Security administration. Documentation, record-keeping. Security audits, reporting of non-conformities
- Security training