

Danube Commission
Expert Group for Personnel Issues in Navigation on the Danube
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PROGRESS OF UKRAINE IN IMPLEMENTATION OF DIRECTIVE (EU) 2017/2397, IMPLEMENTING AND DELEGATED ACTS THEREFOR



Ministry for Development
of Communities
and Territories of Ukraine



STATE SERVICE
FOR MARITIME, INLAND WATERWAY
TRANSPORT AND SHIPPING OF UKRAINE

PRIMARY LEGISLATION

Laws of Ukraine that have already been adopted and implement the provisions of Directive 2017/2397:

- “On Transport” (particularly Article 16³)
- Code of Ukraine on Administrative Offences (Chapter 10 “Administrative Offences in Transport, Road Management and Communications”)
- **“On Inland Waterway Transport” (Article 30 “Requirements for Crew Members of an Inland Waterway Vessel”), first adopted on 03 December 2020**



Types of professional qualifications and relevant documents, administrative procedure for their issue



Recognition of certificates issued in the European Union Member States



General requirements regarding assignment of qualifications, health conditions, examination, training and education, register of documents

SECONDARY LEGISLATION

ЗАТВЕРДЖЕНО
Наказ Міністерства
розвитку громад, територій
та інфраструктури України
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за № 657/42002

ПОЛОЖЕННЯ
про присвоєння та підтвердження кваліфікації членів
екіпажів суден внутрішнього плавання

Order of the Ministry for Development of Communities, Territories and Infrastructure of Ukraine dated 29 March 2024 No. 265, registered at the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine on 07 May 2024 under No. 657/42002

“On Approval of the Regulations on the Assignment and Confirmation of Qualifications of Crew Members of Inland Waterway Vessels”

- Establishes the types of certificates and specific authorisations for boatmasters, as well as requirements to obtain them
- Approves specimen copies of certificates, procedures for issuing, verifying, renewing, exchanging, withdrawing relevant documents and keeping the register thereof
- Regulates the activities of the State Examination Commission regarding the assessment of professional competence and conduct of computer-based examinations



SECONDARY LEGISLATION



Classification of Inland Waterways of Ukraine	Order of the Ministry for Development of Communities, Territories and Infrastructure of Ukraine dated 09 August 2024 No. 846	Defines inland waterways of Ukraine with maritime character
Procedure for Keeping a Logbook of an Inland Waterway Vessel	Order of the Ministry of Infrastructure of Ukraine dated 28 January 2022 No. 55	Establishes the format and the procedure for issuing and keeping logbooks on inland waterway vessels
List of Questions and Answers for a Computer-Based Examination to Test the Theoretical Knowledge of Candidates for Obtaining Qualification Documents of Crew Members of Inland Waterway Vessels	Order of the Shipping Administration dated 12 November 2024 No. 361	Provides for the conduct of examinations with due regard for the requirements of the ES-QIN standard
State Qualification Commission Composition	Order of the Shipping Administration dated 18 November 2024 No. 366	Specifies the list of competent persons involved in the assessment of competence and conduct of examinations

SECONDARY LEGISLATION



Order of the Ministry of Health of Ukraine dated 26 November 2025 No. 1793, registered at the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine on 22 January 2026 under No. 100/45494

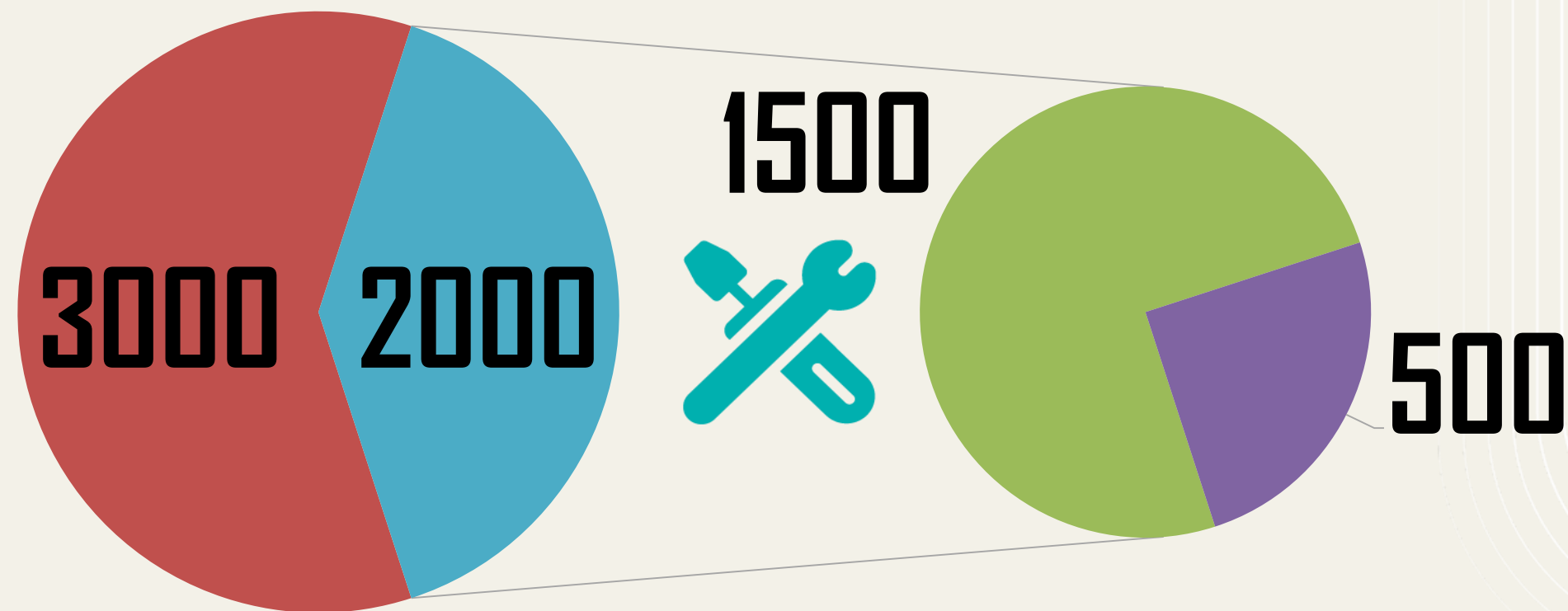
“On Approval of the Rules for Determining the Medical Fitness of a Person for Work on Sea-Going Ships or Inland Waterway Vessels”

- Complex legislative act, developed in cooperation with the Ministry for Development of Communities and Territories of Ukraine
- Represents a significant progress in implementation of Directive 2017/2397
- Establishes minimum health requirements, specimen copy of a medical certificate in accordance with CESNI rules, the term “medical practitioner” etc.



CURRENT ACTIVITIES AND WAY FORWARD

Current Number
of Ukrainian Crew Members of Inland Waterway Vessels



■ Non-Danube

■ Danube, Ukrainian-flagged vessels

■ Danube, foreign-flagged vessels



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Приложение 1 к № ДК 8/І-2026



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On behalf of the Ministry for Development of Communities and Territories of Ukraine and on my own behalf, allow me to express my sincere respect and address the following.

In accordance with paragraph 4 of Article 10 of Directive (EU) 2017/2397 of December 12, 2017, on the recognition of professional qualifications in inland navigation and repealing Council Directives 91/672/EEC and 96/50/EC (hereinafter referred to as Directive 2017/2397), Ukraine has submitted a request to the European Commission for the recognition of certificates, service books of crew members of inland waterway vessels, and ship logs to be issued by the Shipping Administration.

During the assessment procedure and until Ukraine receives the implementing act of the European Commission provided for in paragraph 5 of Article 10 of Directive 2017/2397, it is necessary to retain qualified inland waterway vessel personnel with Ukrainian qualification documents that have expired and to ensure that they can continue to work with such documents during the transitional period provided for in Article 38 of Directive 2017/2397, in particular on the inland waterways of European Union member states.

Taking into account Resolution DK/SES 96/10 of the Ninety-sixth Session of the Danube Commission of December 14, 2021, on the recognition of documents of personnel of vessels for navigation on inland waterways for crews of vessels of member states of the Danube Commission that are not members of the European Union, and the results of the meetings of the working groups on technical issues of the Danube Commission (May 13-14 and November 5-7, 2025), working meetings with the representative of DG Mobility and Transport Unit D3 – Ports and Inland Navigation, the Shipping Administration has taken the necessary measures to extend the validity of the qualification documents of inland waterway vessel crew members issued before the entry into force of the Law of Ukraine “On Inland Water Transport” (until January 1, 2022), - until Ukraine receives the implementing act of the European Commission provided for in paragraph 5 of Article 10 of Directive 2017/2397, but no later than December 31, 2031.

The Shipping Administration has ensured:
recording of such qualification documents;



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Attention to All Those Involved in Operation of Inland Navigation Vessels!

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Prior to adoption of an implementing act of the European Commission for Ukraine, in accordance with paragraph 5 of Article 10 of Directive (EU) 2017/2397 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12.12.2017 on the recognition of professional qualifications in inland navigation and repealing Council Directives 91/672/EEC and 96/50/EC, the Shipping Administration has taken measures to extend the validity of certificates of boatmasters (navigators) for European inland waterways (hereinafter referred to as Certificates), which were issued before the Law of Ukraine “On Inland Waterway Transport” became effective and whose validity has expired.

The qualification documents' validity will be checked through the electronic verification system at <https://vrf.marad.gov.ua>.

Persons holding a Certificate valid as of 01.01.2022 may submit an application accompanied by a specified package of appendices to the Shipping Administration.

Following the verification, a separate document will be issued – an endorsement to the Certificate with an authentic QR code and a number identical to the number of the original qualification document.



CURRENT ACTIVITIES AND WAY FORWARD

On the basis of the official screening of Ukrainian transport and TEN-T legislation in June 2025, as well as continuous cooperation with the experts representing DG MOVE and CCNR, the following actions are being done in order to reach 100% implementation of Directive 2017/2397:

Amending the Law of Ukraine “On Inland Waterway Transport”

Draft law No. 14344 approved by the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine on 30 December 2025, currently under review of the Committees of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine

Development of a secondary legislative act implementing Articles 18 and 19

Requirements for Educational (Vocational) Programmes, Training Equipment, Inland Waterway Vessels Used for Practical Assignments during Training and Examinations





CURRENT ACTIVITIES AND WAY FORWARD

Consultations to further amend key secondary legislative acts

Regulations on the Assignment
and Confirmation of Qualifications
of Crew Members of Inland
Waterway Vessels

Procedure for Keeping a Logbook
of an Inland Waterway Vessel

Establishing relevant registers kept by all stakeholder institutions

Register of Certificates of Deck
Crew Members and Service Record
Books, Other Qualification
Documents of Crew Members
of Ukrainian Inland Waterway
Vessels and Specific Authorisations
for Boatmasters (Navigators)



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