

SPECIAL MEASURES BY THE CENTRAL COMMISSION TO FACILITATE THE MOBILITY OF INLAND NAVIGATION PERSONNEL

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For a transitional period pending adoption of the new [Regulations for Rhine Navigation Personnel \(RPN\)](#), the Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine (CCNR) invites its Member States not to sanction crew members on inland waterway vessels on the Rhine who present certificates of qualification, service record books or logbooks issued in accordance with Directive (EU) 2017/2397. Conversely, the CCNR also invites its Member States to take measures to ensure that during document checks, including beyond the Rhine, crew members may continue to present certificates of qualification, service record books and logbooks, issued in accordance with the RPN still currently in force, unmolested.



This special measure is temporary. It shall apply initially until the new RPN enters into force, or until 30 September 2022 should the new RPN not have been adopted by this date. It may be extended if so required. It is intended to facilitate the use of certificates of qualification by deck crew members, irrespective of whether they were issued in accordance with the EU directive or the RPN.

This is because some European Union (EU) Member States have issued new Union certificates of qualification since the transposition period for [Directive \(EU\) 2017/2397](#) on the recognition of professional qualifications in inland navigation ended on 17 January 2022. Admittedly, this is not the case in all European Union Member States. At the same time, the new Regulations for Rhine Navigation Personnel, which introduce requirements for certificates of qualification, service record books and logbooks that are consistent with the requirements of the directive, have not yet been adopted by the CCNR. A coordination process concerning the adoption of the RPN is currently underway between the European Union and the CCNR. It is not yet known when this process will have been completed.

The qualifications for deck crew members, and passenger navigation and LNG experts that will apply in future throughout the Rhine and on all European Union waterways are based on the [technical standards drawn up by CESNI](#). The standards concern the underlying competences, examinations, model documents, and - for nautical personnel - medical criteria. The CESNI's technical standards are not binding as a matter of principle. The EU, CCNR and third countries such as Serbia or Ukraine may however refer to standards such as the [European Standard for Qualifications in Inland Navigation](#) in their regulations. In addition to the requirements pertaining to deck crew members, the new Regulations for Rhine Navigation Personnel articulate further requirements on engineers, breathing apparatus wearers and first aiders required to be aboard when travelling on the Rhine.

The resolution on these special measures unanimously adopted by the CCNR is published in three languages on the [CCNR's website](#).

ABOUT THE CCNR

The Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine (CCNR) is an international organisation that exercises an essential regulatory role in the navigation of the Rhine. It is active in the technical, legal, economic and environmental fields. In all its areas of action, its work is guided by the efficiency of transport on the Rhine, safety, social considerations, and respect for the environment. Many of the CCNR's activities now reach beyond the Rhine and are directly concerned with European navigable waterways more generally. The CCNR works closely with the European Commission as well as with the other river commissions and international organisations.



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