

## **Overview of the feedback received for the questionnaire “Application of the International Certificate for Operators of Pleasure Craft, education and training for operators of pleasure craft”**

1. The questionnaire has been sent to more than 70 respondents:
  - competent authorities for authorization of ICC according to annex IV to resolution No. 40;
  - other ECE member States;
  - yachting associations, in the absence of the contact information of the authorized bodies.

### 2. General overview of respondents

In total, 35 respondents have submitted their feedback; 21 responses of the officials from the competent authorities for authorization of ICC and 14 responses from the approved bodies for issuing of ICC, yachting associations and other entities involved in recreational navigation. The information has been received from **28 countries**, and one more country has informed that the national legislation for small and pleasure craft was under development.

In case of discrepancies between the answers from the competent authorities and other entities, the information from the competent authorities has been considered as prevailing. In the absence of answers from the competent authorities, the information from other entities has been taken into account.

3. General overview of answers is given in the table below. The secretariat has provided comments on some of them.

<i>Questions</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Skipped</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>Comments</i>
Q2 Does the operator of a pleasure craft require evidence of competence in accordance with your national legislation?	25	3			The majority of answers have been supplemented with additional information
Q3 Does this requirement also apply to foreign flagged (registered) pleasure craft operated within your territorial and/or internal waters?	19 (1 – only for IWW)	7	2		The majority of answers have been supplemented with additional information
Q4 Is ICC acceptable for the operation of a nationally flagged (registered) pleasure craft hired (i.e. on bareboat charter) within your territorial and/or internal waters	22	5	1		

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Q5 Are there any restrictions on the acceptance of ICC in your country?	11	15	1	1	Restrictions concerning the size of craft – 10; type of craft – 4; nationality – 2; age – 1
Q6 Is education and training for operators of pleasure craft available in your country?	27		1		
A government-led scheme	2				
A private scheme operated with a Government approval and/or issuing certificates that are recognized by the Government	16				
A private scheme with no Government approval	5				
Other	3				
Skipped	2				
Q7 Please indicate what subjects are covered in your training course and whether the teaching of each subject is in theory or practical	Information is submitted by 20 respondents (1 respondent referred to annex II to resolution No. 40)				Information about training courses is available in the secretariat and may need further consideration by the Group
Q8 Does the applicant for a certificate valid for the operation of a pleasure craft need to present a medical certificate in order to be issued with the certificate?	17 (1 – for coastal navigation only) + 2 when it is checked in an indirect way	5	4		If a medical certificate is not required as a general rule, it may be needed under certain circumstances – in case of commercial endorsement of certificates, after reaching a certain age, an eye test.
Q9 When a certificate is issued, is it valid for the holder’s lifetime or must it be renewed periodically?	26		2		
Valid for the holder’s lifetime	18 (2 – after reaching a certain age (60 or 75 years); 1 – without a commercial endorsement of certificates)				A medical certificate may be required in certain cases

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Must be renewed in:	8 +1				All respondents who answered this question indicated that no re-examination is needed, but in certain cases a medical certificate is required
5 years	1 + 1 – with a commercial endorsement of certificates				
10 years	7				
Q10 Are there any other restrictions for the issue of certificate valid for the operation of a pleasure craft?	13	9	6		Restrictions apply to:  Age (14/15/16/18 years for certain types of craft or for some types of certificates)  Education (primary education; availability of other certificates (short range radio certificate);  Skippers' qualification and the distance allowed offshore by the vessels safety certificate;  Knowledge of the national language (exams are held in the national language)
Q11 Does your Government issue ICC in accordance with resolution No. 40?	21/20	5/6	2		Two numbers – due to a discrepancy with official information contained in annex IV to resolution No. 40
Is ICC issued on presentation of a national certificate?	14	5	9		
Q12 Does the national certificate demonstrate the knowledge of CEVNI?	16	7	5		Knowledge of CEVNI:  May not be tested, if ICC is issued for coastal navigation only;  Is a special course and is examined by a separate test;  Is not indicated in the certificate, as national regulations are largely harmonized with CEVNI
Q13 Is it possible to obtain an ICC in your country by passing an examination in accordance with annex I, part II of resolution No. 40?	16 (1 – for IWW only)	8	4		

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Q14 Is an ICC issued on behalf of your government, valid for the holder's lifetime?	11	10	5	2	If an ICC is renewed, the period is: 5 years – 3 respondents; 10 years – 7 respondents.
Q15 Can an ICC be converted to your national certificate valid for the operation of a pleasure craft?	Yes: 3 Only if issued by this Government: 3	17	Skipped or N/A:5		

4. The comments are given below:

- The requirements are very different per country. If any country could issue an ICC for a European citizen, that would level out.
- It is recommended to define harmonized standards for the training courses and the exams;
- A unique program of education and exams for operators of pleasure craft should be established and harmonized for all EU Member States;
- Hopefully you can encourage more governments to participate in these ICC related working group meetings. Also other parties in addition to governments.
- The respective regulatory framework is missing. To this end, we ask for your assistance in respect of applying international provisions for issuing ICC
- The limitations for ICC could be formulated more precisely; therefore, there are differences between certain countries
- We would like to see more countries adopt Resolution 40 so that recreational boaters can be certain that their ICC will be accepted as evidence of competence for boating in other countries. Greater transparency on any restrictions on the use of the ICC would also be valuable. Steps should be taken to stop certificates which ‘mimic’ the ICC being issued, particularly in countries which have not adopted the ICC.

5. The updated information on the competent authorities may bring to modifications in annex IV to resolution No. 40.

6. The Group may wish to consider the answers in details and provide its recommendations for the next steps in relation to resolution No. 40 and its further work.