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STCW Basic Safety Training

The four STCW basic training courses, taken together

Duration	10 days
Fee	Ksh 25,000
Certificate	STCW Basic Safety Training certificates (Regulation VI/1)
Entry	Open entry
Next intake	Enrolling now. Call admissions to confirm the next start date.

Course overview

Every person employed on a seagoing ship must hold STCW basic training under Regulation VI/1 of the STCW Convention. This programme delivers all four mandatory courses in one ten-day block, built against the Kenya Maritime Authority curricula and the 2026 amendments to the STCW Code (IMO Resolution MSC.560(108)).

Theory is studied online on the KIMARCE learning platform, at your own pace and on your phone. Practical sessions (sea survival, live fire, first aid and emergency drills) then take place in person at our Kisumu training grounds.

The certificates are the entry ticket for work on international merchant ships, cruise ships, offshore vessels and larger lake vessels, and they are needed before you can progress to rating or officer training.

Syllabus outline

1. Personal Survival Techniques (PST)	17.5 hours. Abandoning ship, lifejackets and immersion suits, liferafts, survival at sea and helicopter rescue. STCW Table A-VI/1-1.
2. Fire Prevention and Fire Fighting (FPFF)	17.5 hours. The chemistry of fire, prevention, extinguishers, breathing apparatus and a live-fire practical. STCW Table A-VI/1-2.
3. Elementary First Aid (EFA)	15 hours. Casualty assessment, resuscitation, bleeding, shock and burns when help is hours away. STCW Table A-VI/1-3.
4. Personal Safety and Social Responsibilities (PSSR)	15 hours plus the new 2026 module on preventing violence and harassment. STCW Table A-VI/1-4.

Entry requirements

- Open entry: no previous maritime training needed
- Aged 16 or over
- Medical fitness, including fitness to wear breathing apparatus
- Able to read the workbook and answer written questions in English

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Swimming is not required. The survival course includes a non-swimmer pathway, and a confidential water-confidence declaration lets instructors plan supervision.

Assessment and certification

- Short quizzes on the online platform after each module (pass mark 70 percent).
- Practical assessments marked competent or not yet competent against KMA checklists.
- A final written paper for each course, then certification in line with KMA requirements. STCW basic training is refreshed every five years.

Career outcomes

- International merchant shipping
- Cruise and passenger ships
- Offshore and supply vessels
- Large lake vessels and ferries
- Entry to rating and officer training

How to apply

Apply online at **kimarce.com/admissions**, call **+254 790 141470** or **+254 733 920250**, email **info.kimarce@gmail.com**, or visit us at Korando Peninsular, off New Airport–Busia Road, Kisumu, Kenya. KIMARCE is approved by the Kenya Maritime Authority and registered by TVETA (TVETA/PRIVATE/TVC/0123/2016).