

**REPUBLIC OF PANAMA**

*Ministry of Finance and Treasury*

*Office of the Directorate of Merchant Marine Circular No. 52*

*Consular and Maritime Affairs*

<b>To:</b> Shipowners/Operators and Masters of Merchant Vessels
<b>Subject:</b> Seaman's Identity Card
<b>Reference:</b> Resolution No. 614-515-ALCN

1. Reference is made to Resolution No. 614-515-ALCN dated September 15th, 1980 which requires that all seaman on Panamanian flag vessels should have a valid "Seaman's Identity Card" issued by the Republic of Panama.
2. The Seaman's Card will authorize a person to work abroad vessels registered in the National Merchant Marine.
3. Application for the Seaman's Identity Card can be submitted through an authorized Maritime Consular Official abroad, or directly through the Office in Panama.
4. The following documents shall be presented when applying:
  - a. Medical Certificate reflecting medical examination taken within the last two years.
  - b. Certificate or documentation that accredits the academic training and/or experience of the individual.
  - c. Three passport size color photographs

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