



Information on seafarers' documents issued by the Kingdom of Spain: The Seafarers' Identity Document (SID) and the Seaman's discharge book.

Informative note addressed to Shipowners, Shipping Companies, Captains, Officers, recruitment agencies and administration personnel of other countries.

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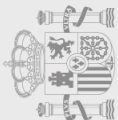
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In addition to the certificate of competency, necessary certificates of proficiency, and medical certificate of fitness, seafarers must also be in possession of other documents such as the Seafarers' Identity Document (SID) and the Seaman's discharge book, as the case may be.

The Kingdom of Spain issues the following documents:

1. **Seaman's discharge book .**
2. **Seafarers' Identity Document (SID).**





1. Seaman's discharge book

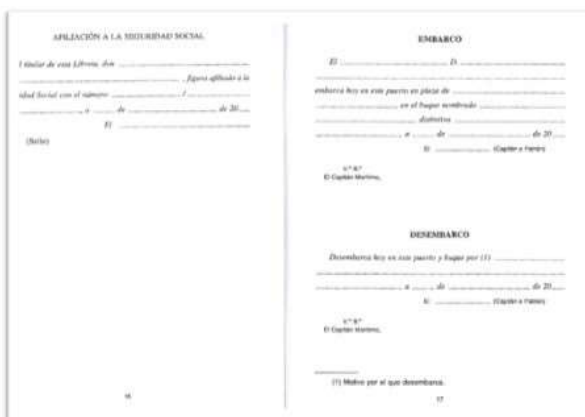
Who should be in possession?

Spanish citizens who may be part of the crew of Spanish civil vessels and vessels **must be in possession of the Seaman's discharge book** in accordance with Article 158 of Law 14/2014, of July 24, on Maritime Navigation.

What is its format?

The Seaman's discharge book has the following format:

The cover includes a photo of the seafarer, personal data and fingerprint.

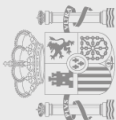


What is the Seaman's discharge book for?

It is a document where the periods of embarkation in maritime navigation vessels of Spanish flag provided by the seafarer are recorded for the purpose of subsequently accrediting the experience for different procedures in the maritime administration, among others, for example, those related to applications for titles.

Does it expire?

The Seaman's discharge book does not expire. However, the photo must be renewed every 10 years.





2. Seafarer's Identity Document -SID-

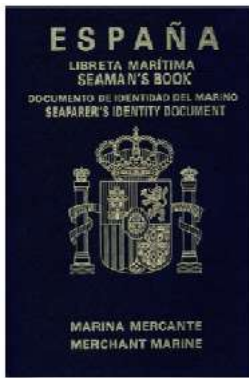
Who should be in possession?

The Seafarer's Identity Document (SID) is the seafarer's identity document in accordance with Article 6 of the Seafarers' Identity Documents Convention (Revised), 2003, (ILO Convention 185) and is intended to be accredited by Spanish seafarers engaged in international navigation in any flag.

What is the format?

The following two formats are currently in circulation, one notebook type and the other type of identity card.

NOTEBOOK FORMAT:



This format has been issued by the General Directorate of the Spanish Merchant Marine from 2012 to 2022. This book contains 2 documents, the SID on the first sheet and the maritime book on the following sheets for the annotation of shipments.

See note on the transitional period in this document.

CARD TYPE FORMAT:



This format is the one that is broadcast by Spain since 2022. It is a plastic card with an integrated chip of a size similar to the credit card.

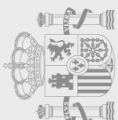
What is the SID for?

It is important to note first, that the SID is not a passport. Its sole purpose is to identify seafarers for the purpose of exercising seafarers' rights to shore leave, transit, and re-embarkation in accordance with Article 6 of ILO Convention 185.



Does it expire?

The SID has expiration and is printed on the page of the notebook itself or on the card, depending on one model or another.





Formats in circulation

Over the next few years, both models will coexist until the last SID issued in 2022 in notebook format expires.



Illustration "Old model of Maritime Notebook/DIM"

Illustration "New SID card model".

It is important to indicate that the old Maritime Notebook/ SID, even once expired, if you have shipping sheets available, can be used as a Seaman's discharge book.

The new SID card does not have sheets for the annotations of embarkations, so the holders of this new format must have, in turn, a "Seaman's discharge book".

Documents for non-Spanish citizens

As mentioned, both the Seaman's discharge book and the SID are only issued to citizens with Spanish nationality.

Foreign nationals must be in possession of a SID issued by the country granting them nationality, in accordance with the International Labour Organization Convention No. 185 of 2003 concerning Seafarers' Identity Documents, or Convention No. 108 - Seafarers' Identity Documents Convention, 1958.

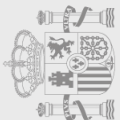
It is not allowed to have two SIDs of different nationalities.

Signatory countries of Convention No. 108.

The list of signatory countries can be viewed on the ILO website at the following link: https://www.ilo.org/dyn/normlex/es/f?p=1000:11300:0::NO:11300:P11300_INSTRUMENT_ID:312253

In the case of the Kingdom of Spain, this convention is not in force, by automatic denunciation of 25 May 2012 by Convention No. 185.

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Signatory countries of Convention No. 185.

The list of signatory countries can be viewed on the ILO website at the following link:

https://www.ilo.org/dyn/normlex/es/f?p=1000:11300:0::NO:11300:P11300_INSTRUMENT_ID:312330

This agreement has been in force for the Kingdom of Spain since it was ratified on 26 May 2011.

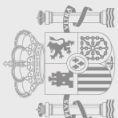
Moreover, on 8 June 2017, the acceptance of the 2016 amendments to the annexes to Convention No 185 entered into force for Spain. As a result of this acceptance, Spain adopted the current model of SID card.

Verification.

The verifications of the "Seaman's discharge book" and the old "Maritime Notebook/SID" can be done online, through the following link:

[Verificación de Libreta Navegación Marítima y DIM \(tipo libreta\) - Verificación de libreta marítima - Marina mercante - Áreas de actividad - MITMA - Ministerio de Transportes, Movilidad y Agenda Urbana](#)

To do this, once you have read the instructions for use, you must click on the button indicated in the following image:





To perform the verification, you must enter the following information:

- ✓ ID card; and
- ✓ Personal number.

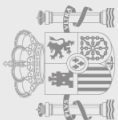
These data are in the "Maritime Notebook/ SID" as indicated in the following illustration in the red box:

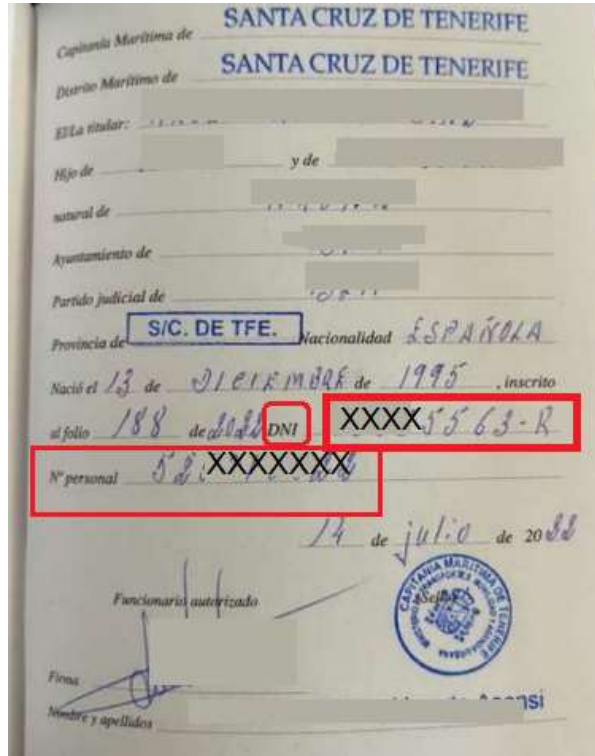


These two numbers must be included on the verification website.



In the case of the "Seaman's discharge book", it must proceed in the same way, including the numbers of the ID Card and the personal number indicated in the following red box:





The verifications of the SID, at the moment can only be done by writing to the following mailbox: subdireccionesci.dgmm@mitma.es, or also to this email address SID.dgmm@mitma.es printed on the back of the SID card. To do this, you can attach to the verification email an image of the SID in pdf or jpg format.

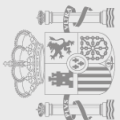
Documentary proof of issuance of a card-type SID.

This document is issued as proof certifying that the seafarer is in possession of a SID that is in the process of manufacture and delivery. This process usually takes about 20 days.

The documentary proof document to be valid must have an electronic signature, which can be verified using the CSV code containing the vertical bar on the left margin of the document at the following link:

[Consultation by CSV - Document verification by CSV - Ministry of Development \(mitma.gob.es\)](#)

See a model:





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PRUEBA DOCUMENTAL DE LA SOLICITUD DEL DIM
DOCUMENTARY PROOF OF SID APPLICATION

D. **MARC**, con Documento Nacional de Identidad (DNI) nº **14** y en posesión del Documento de Identidad del Marino (DIM) número de personal **1520**, habiendo solicitado ante la Administración Marítima Española la expedición de dicho DIM, esta no ha podido llevarse a cabo por motivos técnicos antes de la materialización del embarque previsto.

Por lo que se expide dicha DIM, hasta el **1/16/2028**, de acuerdo con el anexo III, apartado 3.9 del Convenio 185 de la OIT.

Si tiene alguna duda sobre este documento, puede dirigirse al correo que figura a continuación.

Mr. **MARC** with National Identity Document (ID) **2014** and in possession of the Seaman's Identity Document (SID) number or maritime personal number **11520**, having requested the issue of her SID from the Spanish Maritime Administration, this could not be carried out for technical reasons before his/her actual embarkment.

Therefore, her SID is issue, until **1/16/2028**, in accordance with Annex III, paragraph 3.9 of ILO Convention 185.

If you have any questions about this document, you can contact the email below.

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En Madrid, a 18 de octubre de 2022
El Subdirector Adjunto de Seguridad, Contaminación e Inspección Marítima

More information about Seafarers' professional document on the MITMA website, you can access through the following link:

[Documentos profesionales de la gente de mar | Ministerio de Transportes, Movilidad y Agenda Urbana \(mitma.gob.es\)](https://www.mitma.gob.es/Documentos-profesionales-de-la-gente-de-mar)

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