

*Ships not fitted with approved automatic apparatus.*

7. If not fitted with an approved automatic apparatus for registering the signal of distress—

(i) A ship of Class I. shall carry certificated operators in accordance with the following table, and while at sea a certificated operator shall be always on watch:—

NATURE OF VOYAGE.	NUMBER AND GRADE OF OPERATORS.
(a) Voyage exceeding 48 hours from port to port.	Three operators, of whom one shall hold a First Grade Certificate, and not more than one a Third Grade Certificate.
(b) Voyage exceeding 8 hours but not exceeding 48 hours from port to port.	Two operators of whom one shall hold a First or a Second Grade certificate.
(c) Voyage not exceeding 8 hours from port to port.	One operator who shall hold a First or a Second Grade certificate.

(ii) A ship of Class II. shall carry certificated operators and certificated watchers in accordance with the following table, and while at sea a certificated operator shall always be on watch at the times specified in the Schedule to these Rules, and either a certificated operator or a certificated watcher shall always be on watch at other times.

NATURE OF VOYAGE.	NUMBER AND GRADE OF OPERATORS AND WATCHERS.
(a) Voyage exceeding 48 hours from port to port.	One operator who shall hold a First or a Second Grade certificate, and two watchers.
(b) Voyage exceeding 8 hours but not exceeding 48 hours from port to port.	One operator who shall hold a First or a Second Grade certificate, and one watcher.
(c) Voyage not exceeding 8 hours from port to port.	One operator who shall hold a First or a Second Grade certificate.

(iii) A ship of Class III. shall carry one operator who shall hold a First or a Second Grade certificate, and while at sea the operator shall always be on watch at the times specified in the Schedule to these Rules.

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8. In the event of an automatic apparatus for registering the signal of distress being approved by the Board of Trade and the Postmaster-General a ship of Class III. shall be fitted with such apparatus unless the duration of the voyage on which it is employed does not exceed eight hours from port to port, but in such a case the operator shall be on watch during the whole time of the voyage.

9. If fitted with automatic apparatus for registering the signal of distress approved as aforesaid:—

(i) A ship of Class I. shall carry certificated operators in accordance with the following table and while at sea a certificated operator shall always be on watch during the times specified in the Schedule to these

Rules, and a watch shall be maintained at all other times either by a certificated operator, or by a watcher, or by means of the approved automatic apparatus:—

NATURE OF VOYAGE.	NUMBER AND GRADE OF OPERATORS.
(a) Voyage exceeding 48 hours from port to port.	Two operators, one of whom shall hold a First Grade certificate.
(b) Voyage not exceeding 48 hours from port to port.	One operator who shall hold a First or a Second Grade certificate.

(ii) A ship of Class II. shall carry one operator who shall hold a First or a Second Grade certificate, and while at sea the operator shall be on watch during the times specified in the Schedule to these Rules, and a watch shall be maintained at all other times either by an operator, or by a watcher, or by means of the approved automatic apparatus.

(iii) A ship of Class III. shall carry one operator who shall hold a First or a Second Grade certificate, and while at sea the operator shall be on watch during the times specified in the Schedule to these Rules, and a watch shall be maintained at all other times either by an operator, or by a watcher, or by means of the approved automatic apparatus.

Provided that if a ship of Class III. is fitted with an automatic apparatus for registering the signal of distress and with an automatic apparatus for registering the ship's own distinguishing signal, both of which have been approved by the Board of Trade and the Postmaster-General, the operator shall not, while the ship is more than 150 nautical miles from any coast station, be required to be on watch at the times specified in the Schedule to these Rules.

*Qualifications of Operators.*

10. (1) Operators shall be graded into three grades in accordance with Rules to be made by the Postmaster-General with the concurrence of the Board of Trade and watchers shall be certificated by the Postmaster-General.

(2) Until graded in accordance with such Rules as aforesaid:—

(i) An operator who holds the Postmaster-General's First Class Certificate of Proficiency and who has had three years' experience as an operator may be employed as if he held a First Grade certificate, but if an operator holding a First Grade certificate is available an operator holding a First Class certificate shall not be so employed on a ship of Class I. which is required by these Rules to carry three operators.

(ii) An operator who holds the Postmaster-General's First or Second Class certificate of Proficiency and who has had one year's experience as an operator may be employed as if he held a Second Grade certificate.

(iii) An operator who holds the Postmaster-General's First or Second Class certificate of Proficiency and who has had less than one year's experience as an operator may be employed as if he held a Third Grade certificate.

11. The Postmaster-General may accept cer-