

**MARINE WAIVER – MARINE ENGINEERING and NAVIGATION TECHNOLOGY**

Thank you for applying to Georgian College’s Marine Engineering or Navigation Technology programs.

An international student (*defined as a student studying in Canada with a valid study permit*) who is planning on studying in Canada for a marine career must be fully aware of several very important issues pertaining to the *Canada Shipping Act, 2001*:

- The *Canada Shipping Act, 2001*, restricts employment on board Canadian flagged vessels to Canadian citizens or permanent residents of Canada. This restriction includes employment both as a cadet and as an officer. Georgian is not able to assist you to obtain employment on foreign vessels as a cadet. You must secure this cadet employment on your own and we strongly urge you to secure a commitment from a shipping company prior to coming to Georgian College; however, we will assist with communications between you and your shipping company as well as other issues that may need help or clarification.
- Transport Canada issues Certificates of Competency (COC) but will not issue a COC to a non-Canadian. International students who later become Permanent Residents of Canada or Canadian Citizens can be issued with a Canadian COC.
- Georgian College, as an approved marine training institution, is approved to issue Training Certificates to both Canadian and international students. Students completing the programs will receive a Training Certificate stating they have completed an approved training program covering “Engineer or Navigation Officer Education and Training Program at the Operational Level” and “the program content meets the standard of competence specified in the STCW Convention and Code 1978, as amended...”.
- Students will also receive an Ontario College Advanced Diploma Co-op from Georgian College upon completion of the program.

It is the student’s sole responsibility to find a foreign maritime administration willing to recognize the Training Certificates from Georgian College as evidence of obtaining STCW marine education and who will issue a Certificate of Competency (COC) to the student.

Please sign as proof of understanding and acceptance of the above noted restrictions and obligations that are applicable to you as an international student who desires to study in Canada at Georgian College for a nautical career.

*Please note that this letter must be signed by the international student and his/her parent or legal guardian only.*

Student Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Student signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Legal Guardian signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(if the student is under 18 years of age)