

## **UKOPA Competency and Training Work Group**

### **Review of Competency Framework Document – Version 1**

Following consideration by an expert peer Review Group, The UKOPA Competency Framework Document was approved and published on the UKOPA website in October 2002 with an action to review any industry comments after a 6 month period.

One of the recommendations made by the Review Group was that competency profiles should incorporate recognised qualifications. This has been addressed in Version 1 by the incorporation of a requirement for a recognised qualification as required by the company role.

The C&T WG considered that a review of the use recognised qualifications by UKOPA member companies is required, and intends to consider this issue at the scheduled 6 month review (due April 2003).UKOPA members are therefore requested to provide information and/or comment on the use of recognised qualifications.

In order to provide an independent basis for the review of the use of recognised qualifications, a table showing the equivalence between recognised qualifications and competency has been prepared for the C&T WG by South Tyneside College of Marine Technology (which has extensive experience in the application of practical competency requirements at craftsman, technician and higher levels in the marine and shipping sector). This table is attached for members to use in providing information and/or comment.

Responses to the UKOPA Secretary by 31<sup>st</sup> March are requested.