



## MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY

**STCW Advisory No. 2016 – 19**

**TO :** ALL SEAFARERS, SHIPOWNERS, MANNING AGENCIES,  
MARITIME TRAINING INSTITUTIONS, PRACTICAL  
ASSESSMENT CENTERS, OTHER ENTITIES AND  
INDIVIDUALS CONCERNED

**SUBJECT :** **ADVISORY ON THE CONDUCT OF EXAMINATION AND  
ASSESSMENT FOR ETO UNDER STCW CIRCULAR NO.  
2016-13 AND ETR UNDER STCW CIRCULAR NO. 2016-14**

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to PD 474, Republic Act No. 10635, its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR), the Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping (STCW) Convention, as amended in 2010, this Advisory hereby clarifies specific requirements in the conduct of examination and assessment for ETO and ETR.

1. STCW Circular no. 2016-13 on mandatory requirements for the issuance of Certificate of Competency for Electro-technical officers and STCW Circular No. 2016-14 on mandatory requirements for the issuance of a Certificate of Proficiency for Electro-technical ratings require an oral examination to qualify for the issuance of certificates to be conducted by the Administration.
2. Considering the present number of ETO and ETR requiring certification and the full implementation of the STCW Convention, as amended in 2010, the Administration delegates its authority to conduct Examination and Assessment to the recognized Assessment Centers.
3. The Examination and Assessment Division of STCW Office shall be guided by the Quality Standards System in handling a seafarer seeking for certification under this Advisory and relevant Circulars.
4. All ETO or ETR meeting the requirements of paragraph 4 of regulation III/6 or III/7 of the STCW Convention are required to undergo oral examination only to qualify for the issuance of certificates.
5. All ETO or ETR with less than 12 months but not less than 6 months of seagoing service are required to undergo a practical assessment to qualify for the issuance of certificates in accordance with regulation III/6 or III/7 of the STCW Convention, respectively.

6. All ETO and ETR with less than six (6) months, but not less than three (3) months of approved seagoing service are required to undergo a practical assessment under the table of competence Section A-III/6 and Section A-III/7, respectively, however, if the ETO or ETR fails in the practical assessment twice, an education and training (Approved ETO or ETR Course) will be required to qualify for issuance of certificates in accordance with regulation III/6 and III/7, respectively, of the STCW Convention.
7. For consistency, the recognized assessment center shall comply with the provisions of STCW Circular no. 2016-13 and 2016-14 accordingly.
8. The Oral assessment procedure shall conform to Annex I of this advisory.
9. For purposes of this Advisory, only approved seagoing service acquired until December 31, 2016 shall be considered.
10. Any concern on the conduct and/or result of oral examination and practical assessment can be directly sent to pid\_stcw@marina.gov.ph

Manila, Philippines, 25 October 2016.

Submitted:

  
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Approved:

  
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#### CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that STCW Advisory No 2016-19 was approved by the Administrator on 25 OCTOBER 2016.

  
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## **Annex I**

### **GUIDANCE IN THE CONDUCT OF ORAL EXAMINATION FOR ETO AND ETR**

1. The Accredited Assessment Center shall formulate a standard set of Oral Examination Questionnaire to be approved by MARINA.
  2. The formulation of oral examination shall conform to the table A-III/6 and table A-III/7 of STCW Code.
  3. An examinee who fails the oral examination shall be allowed to take two resits. Failure to pass the 2<sup>nd</sup> resit, the examinee shall be required to undergo practical assessment.
  4. An examinee who fails the practical assessment shall only be allowed to take two resits.
  5. Should an examinee fail on both oral examination and practical assessment under paragraphs 3 and 4, an approved education and training shall be required before undergoing resits on the oral examination for eventual certification.
  6. There shall be three (3) members of panel of oral assessors. The composition is as follows:
    - .1 One (1) Management Level Engineer with valid COC and with 24 months of seagoing service on vessels operated and maintained in power system in excess of 1000 volts; and
    - .2 Two (2) ETO with valid COC and two years of seagoing service on vessels operated and maintained in power system in excess of 1000 volts.
- Or
- .3 Three (3) ETO with COC and two years of seagoing service on vessels operated and maintained in power system in excess of 1000 volts.