

**Republic of the Philippines**  
**Department of Transportation and Communications**  
**MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY**  
**STCW OFFICE**

**STCW Circular No. 2016-02**

**TO: ALL SEAFARERS, MARITIME INDUSTRY STAKEHOLDERS, MARITIME HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS, MARITIME TRAINING INSTITUTIONS, PORT STATE CONTROL, AND OTHER ENTITIES AND INDIVIDUALS CONCERNED**

**SUBJECT: ADOPTION OF PRACTICAL ASSESSMENT AS THE APPROVED TEST TO ESTABLISH CONTINUED PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE IN THE REVALIDATION OF CERTIFICATES UNDER REGULATION I/II AND A/II OF THE 1978 STCW CONVENTION, AS AMENDED**

Pursuant to Republic Act No. 10635 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR), the 1978 International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping (STCW), as amended, the following rules shall be adopted:

**1. OBJECTIVES**

- .1 To amend the pertinent revalidation provisions of STCW Circular 2014-08, 2014-09, 2014-10, 2014-11, 2014-12, 2014-13 and 2015-01; and
- .2 To define the form of approved test as a means to establish continued professional competence as required under Regulation I/11 of the 1978 STCW Convention, as amended

**2. COVERAGE**

This Circular shall cover the approved test as a means to establish continued professional competence in the revalidation of certificates in the Operational and Management level of Marine Deck and Engineer Officers.

**3. DEFINITION OF TERMS**

For purposes of this Circular, and in addition to the terms defined under 'STCW Circular No. 2014-01 and other relevant STCW circulars, the following terms are defined as follows:



- .1 "Approved test" refers to the assessment prescribed by the MARINA as one of the means of establishing continued professional competence as required and enumerated by Section A-1/11 of the STCW Code.
- .2 "Continued professional competence" refers to the state of maintaining professional competence as established by any of the modes prescribed by Section A-1/11 of the STCW Code.

#### 4. REVALIDATION OF CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY (COC)

At intervals not exceeding 5 years, a holder of valid COC may revalidate it by proving continued professional competence by passing a Practical Assessment as the 'approved test' recognized by Section A-11/11 of the STCW Code in addition to the requirements prescribed under STCW Circular 2014-08, 2014-09, 2014-10, 2014-11, 2014-12, 2014-13 and 2015-01,

#### 5. REPEALING CLAUSE

The provisions STCW Circular Nos. 2014-08, 2014-09, 2014-10, 2014-11, 2014-12, 2014-13 and 2015-01 insofar as it prescribe both 'theoretical examination and practical assessment' as the 'approved test' is hereby modified and amended accordingly.

#### 6. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE

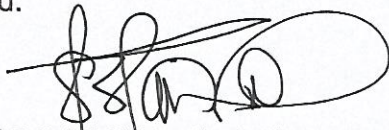
Should any provision or part of this Circular be declared by any competent authority to be invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions or parts hereof shall remain in full force and effect and shall continue to be valid and effective.

#### 7. EFFECTIVITY

This STCW Circular shall take effect immediately on the day of its publication.

Manila, Philippines, 10 March 2016.


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Approved:



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**CERTIFICATION**

This is to certify that STCW Circular No. 2016-02 was approved by the Administrator on 11 March 2016.



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