

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

**STCW Advisory No. 2016 – 11**

TO : ALL SEAFARERS, SHIPOWNERS, MANNING AGENCIES,  
MARITIME TRAINING INSTITUTIONS (MTIs), MARITIME  
HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS (MHEIs), PRACTICAL  
ASSESSMENT CENTERS, PORT STATE CONTROL  
AUTHORITIES, OTHER ENTITIES AND INDIVIDUALS  
CONCERNED

SUBJECT : CLARIFICATIONS ON SOME PROVISIONS OF STCW  
CIRCULAR NO. 2016-04 ON TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS  
FOR CERTIFICATION OF EXISTING ELECTRO-TECHNICAL  
OFFICERS (ETO) AND ELECTRO-TECHNICAL RATING (ETR)  
UNDER REGULATION III/6 AND III/7 OF THE STANDARDS  
OF TRAINING, CERTIFICATION AND WATCHKEEPING  
CONVENTION (STCW), AS AMENDED.

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Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Republic Act No. 10635, its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR), the Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping (STCW) Convention, as amended, this Authority hereby clarifies the following specific minimum requirements for the issuance of certificates for existing ETO under paragraph 4 of Regulation III/6, to wit:

*“Seafarers may be considered by the Party to have met the requirement of this regulations if they have served in a relevant capacity on board a ship for a period of not less than 12 months within the last 60 months preceding the entry into force of this regulation for that Party and met the standard of competence specified in Section A-III/6 of the STCW Code.”*

AND

For existing ETR under paragraph 4 of Regulation III/7, to wit:

*“Seafarers may be considered by the Party to have met the requirement of this regulations if they have served in a relevant capacity on board a ship for a period of not less than 12 months within the last 60 months preceding the entry into force of this regulation for that Party and met the standard of competence specified in Section A-III/7 of the STCW Code.”*

1. All existing ETOs and ETRs who served on board for 12 months for the last 60 months prior to 14 April 2016 are considered to have met all the requirements of Regulation III/6, Section A-III/6 and Regulation III/7, Section A-III/7 of the STCW Convention and Code.

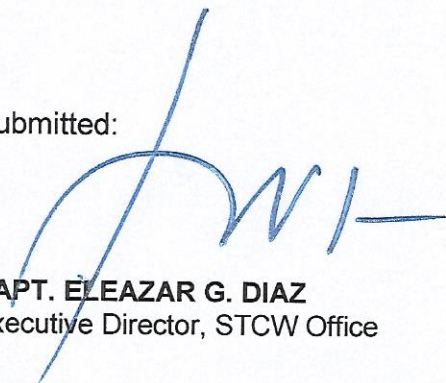


2. Accordingly, all existing ETOs and ETRs covered by the above paragraph shall not be required to undergo assessment of competence as prescribed by STCW Circular No. 2016-04
3. For consistency, all other requirements for the issue of ETO or ETR certificates shall be governed by the applicable provisions of STCW Circular No. 2016-04.

This Advisory shall take effect immediately.

05 August 2016.

Submitted:



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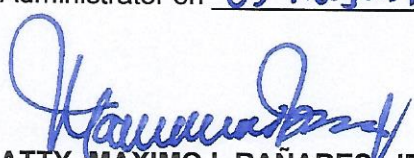
Approved:



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Administrator

**CERTIFICATION**

This is to certify that STCW Advisory No 2016-11 was approved by the Administrator on 05 August 2016.



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