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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY

**TO: ALL ACCREDITED MARITIME TRAINING INSTITUTIONS (MTIs)**

**SUBJECT: SUPPLEMENTAL TECHNICAL GUIDANCE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF MODULAR COURSES FOR RATINGS AS ABLE SEAFARER DECK (MODULES 4, 5 & 8) AND RATINGS AS ABLE SEAFARER ENGINE IN A MANNED ENGINE-ROOM OR DESIGNATED TO PERFORM DUTIES IN A PERIODICALLY UNMANNED ENGINE-ROOM (MODULES 5, 7, & 8)**

This has reference to the issuance of **Memorandum Circular No. SC 2023-03** re: *Revised Mandatory Minimum Requirements for the Assessment of Competence and Certification of Ratings Forming Part of a Navigational Watch (RFPNW) and Ratings as Able Seafarer Deck under Regulations II/4 and II/5 respectively, of the STCW Convention, 1978, as amended* and **Memorandum Circular No. SC 2023-04** re: *Revised Mandatory Minimum Requirements for the Assessment of Competence and Certification of Ratings Forming Part of an Engineering Watch (RFPEW) and Ratings as Able Seafarer Engine in a Manned Engine-Room or Designated to perform duties in a periodically unmanned Engine-Room, and Electro-Technical Ratings under Regulations III/4, III/5 and III/7, respectively, of the STCW Convention, 1978, as amended.*

**Memorandum Circular No. SC 2023-03**, Article V (Specific Provisions) specifies the requirements for candidate applying for the issuance of Certificate of Proficiency (COP) for **Ratings as Able Seafarer Deck (II/5)** on seagoing ships of 500 gross tonnage or more specially the requirements for those candidate who have **Completed Classroom Instruction (CCI)** in BSMT and **Enhanced Support Level Program (ESLP) for Marine Deck**. Along with the approved seagoing service of not less than twelve (12) months on seagoing ship of 500GT, the candidate shall take the following modules in the approved training course of *Ratings as Able Seafarer Deck* under MARINA Memorandum Circular SC No. 2022-05:

**For those who Completed Classroom Instructions (CCI)**

- Module 4: Contribute to the safe operation of deck equipment and machinery
- Module 5: Apply occupational health and safety precautions
- Module 8: Contribute to shipboard maintenance and repair

**For those who Completed Enhanced Support Level Program (ESLP) for Marine Deck**

- Module 8: Contribute to shipboard maintenance and repair.



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On the other hand, **Memorandum Circular No. SC 2023-04**, Article V (Specific Provisions) specifies the requirements for candidate applying for the issuance of Certificate of Proficiency (COP) for **Ratings as Able Seafarer Engine in a manned engine-room or designated to perform duties in a periodically unmanned engine-room or seagoing ship powered by main propulsion machinery of 750kW propulsion power or more (III/5)** specially the requirements for those candidate who have **Completed Classroom Instruction (CCI)** in BSMarE. Along with the approved seagoing service of not less than six (6) months on seagoing ship powered by main propulsion machinery of 750kW propulsion power or more, the candidate shall take the following modules in the approved training course of *Ratings as Able Seafarer Engine in a manned engine room or designated to perform duties in a periodically unmanned engine room* course under MARINA Memorandum Circular SC No. 2022-05:

- Module 5: Contribute to operation of equipment and machineries
- Module 7: Contribute to shipboard maintenance and repair
- Module 8: Contribute to the handling of stores

In view of the above-mentioned provisions, this Supplemental Technical Guidance is hereby given for the implementation of the modular courses for *Ratings as Able Seafarer Deck (Modules 4, 5 & 8)* and *Ratings as Able Seafarer Engine in a manned engine-room or designated to perform duties in a periodically unmanned engine-room (Modules 5, 7, & 8)*:

1. The herein attached approved training standard (Part A to E) shall be used for the modular courses.
2. Only accredited MTIs with the approved full courses for Ratings as Able Seafarer Deck and Ratings as Able Seafarer Engine in a Manned Engine-Room or Designated to Perform Duties in a Periodically Unmanned Engine-Room shall offer the indicated modules as a **separate class**.
3. As part of the documentary requirements, MTIs shall be required to submit a separate course package consisting of the Course Plan (Parts A to E), timetable, instructional materials, and assessment tools to the Accreditation Division, addressed to the Executive Director, STCW Office, for evaluation one (1) month after the issuance of this Technical Guidance. A letter of approval from the Administration shall be issued if found compliant.
4. Upon completion of the aforementioned training modules, a Certificate of Training Completion (*Annex A*) shall be issued by the accredited MTI which is one of the requirements for the issuance of Certificate of Proficiency (COP).
5. MTIs shall submit to the MARINA STCW Office the following through the MISMO System (a and b) and through a letter to the Accreditation Division (c and d):
  - a. Electronic Enrolment Report prior to the commencement of each training course
  - b. Electronic copy of TCROA within three (3) days following the conduct of practical assessment
  - c. Change of designated Instructor, Assessor, and Supervisor



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- d. Changes made on the approved course package
6. This Technical Guidance shall take effect **fifteen (15) days** after its publication in the Official MARINA Website.

Please be guided accordingly.

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