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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY



JOINT CHED – MARINA MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 03
Series of 2019

SUBJECT : AMENDMENT TO JOINT CHED – MARINA MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 01 SERIES OF 2019 (POLICIES, STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES (PSG) FOR THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN MARINE TRANSPORTATION (BSMT) AND BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN MARINE ENGINEERING (BSMarE) PROGRAMS)

In accordance with the pertinent provisions of Republic Act (RA) No. 7722, otherwise known as the "Higher Education Act of 1994"; RA No. 10635 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) which established the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) as the Single Maritime Administration of the Republic of the Philippines; the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978, as amended (STCW Convention, 1978, as amended); Executive Order No. 63 and its IRR strengthening the authority of MARINA as the Single Maritime Administration and by virtue of CHED Commission *en banc* (CEB) Resolution No.657-2019 dated October 22, 2019, the following provisions of JCMMC No. 01 series of 2019 are hereby amended.

Section 1. Article XI Section 42.3 of JCMMC No. 1 series 2019 shall now read as follows:

Section 42.3 "Subject to compliance with Pre-Employment Medical Examination requirements"

42.3.1 In compliance with Regulation I/9, Section A-I/9 of the STCW Convention, 1978, as amended, students enrolling in the BSMT and/or BSMarE program shall satisfy the following criteria to be considered physically and medically fit:

- .1 have the physical capability to fulfil all the requirements of the basic training as required by Section A-VI/1, paragraph 2 of the STCW Code;
- .2 demonstrate adequate hearing and speech to communicate effectively and detect any audible alarms;
- .3 have no medical condition, disorder or impairment that will prevent the effective and safe conduct of their routine and emergency duties on board the ship;

- .4 not suffering from any medical condition likely to be aggravated by service at sea or to render the student unfit for such service; and
- .5 adhere to the minimum in-service eyesight standards set out in Table A-I/9.

Section 2. Section 2.1.1, Annex B of JCMMC No. 01 series of 2019 is hereby amended and shall be read as follows:

"2.1.1. not less than twelve (12) months of seagoing service, which shall include the performance of bridge watchkeeping duties for a period of not less than six (6) months under the supervision of the Master or a qualified deck officer, following a structured program of training onboard a seagoing ship of 500 gross tonnage or more, documented in the *Training Record Book (TRB)* designed by the *ISF, Global Met* or *any other entity* in accordance with the requirements of the STCW Convention, 1978, as amended; or"

Section 2.2.1, Annex B of JCMMC No. 01 series of 2019 shall now read as follows:

"2.2.1 a *combined workshop skills training and an approved seagoing service of not less than 12 months as part of an approved training program*, which shall include the performance of *engine-room watchkeeping duties for a period of not less than six (6) months* under the supervision of the Chief Engineer or a qualified engineer officer, following a structured program of training onboard a seagoing ship powered by main propulsion machinery of 750 kW propulsion power or more, documented in the *Training Record Book (TRB)* designed by the *ISF, GlobalMET* or *any other entity* in accordance with the requirements of the STCW Convention, 1978, as amended; or"

Section 3. This shall take effect immediately after 15 days following its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

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