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MARINA ADVISORY NO. 2020-32

**TO : ALL SEAFARERS, MANNING/SHIPPING COMPANIES,
MARITIME TRAINING INSTITUTIONS, ASSESSMENT
CENTERS AND ALL CONCERNED**

**SUBJECT : GUIDELINES IN THE REVALIDATION OF STCW
CERTIFICATES ON ACCOUNT OF COVID-19**

In view of the suspension of the conduct of maritime training courses and assessments of competence nationwide pursuant to MARINA Advisory No. 2020-16 dated 17 March 2020, and in light of the extended implementation of the Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) in Luzon and in other areas of the country brought about by the prevailing Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic situation, application for revalidation of STCW Certificates without the required refresher training and/or practical assessment of competence, may be accepted and processed online subject to the following conditions:

1. Only seafarers scheduled for deployment within 30 calendar days from the date of the application and with approved seagoing service within the last three (3) years are qualified under this Advisory.
2. The application for revalidation of certificates under this Advisory shall be filed by the concerned manning/shipping companies through expedite processing under the MISMO system.
3. The manning agencies/shipping companies shall submit a letter requesting for the revalidation of the STCW certificate/s of their crew duly signed by an authorized official. The said request letter, including supporting documents for expedite application, shall be uploaded into the MISMO system upon filing of application.
4. A valid medical certificate of the concerned seafarer from the DOH-accredited medical clinic shall be submitted/uploaded by the manning agency/shipping company into the MISMO system together with the application.
5. Personal appearance of Liaison Officers at the MARINA office is not required.

6. The seafarer will receive a digital certificate which can be viewed on his/her MISMO account, and can be downloaded and printed as well. Each digital certificate has a unique certificate number and serial number which are system generated.

To verify the authenticity and validity of the certificate, go to <https://online-appointment.marina.gov.ph/verify-id-certificate> and type in the serial number.

7. The digital STCW certificates issued under this Advisory shall be valid for a period of **one (1) year only** from the date of issuance. Upon expiration, the seafarer shall comply with the requirements for revalidation.

Moreover, applications of seafarers with approved seagoing service who meet the required refresher training and/or practical assessment of competence are continued to be accepted and processed online. They shall be issued printed STCW certificates with a validity of **five (5) years**.

This Advisory shall take effect immediately and shall be valid only until **31 July 2020** unless sooner revoked or a separate advisory was issued extending the validity of this Advisory.

For strict compliance.



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