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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY

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**TO : ALL SEAFARERS, MARITIME TRAINING INSTITUTIONS (MTIs), MANNING AGENCIES, SHIPPING COMPANIES AND OTHER MARITIME INDUSTRY STAKEHOLDERS CONCERNED**

**SUBJECT : CLARIFICATION ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF UPDATING TRAINING ON BASIC TRAINING - PERSONAL SAFETY AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES (BT-PSSR) AND REVISED BASIC TRAINING**

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Further to MARINA Advisory No. 2025-40 issued on 14 October 2025 providing the guidelines on the issuance of certification for the Updating Training on Basic Training - Personal Safety and Social Responsibilities (BT-PSSR) and Revised Basic Training, the following clarifications are hereby issued:

1. Seafarers who are **holding a valid COP in BT** may continue to board vessels until its validity. However, they must complete the Updating Training on BT-PSSR, along with other requirements, before applying for revalidation of their COP in BT.
2. **Seafarers with expired COP in BT** are required to take the Revised Basic Training, along with other requirements for the issuance of the said COP.
3. **Seafarers who have completed the BT course and have not applied for the corresponding COP** shall be guided by the following:
  - a. If training is taken **more than 2 years from date of application for COP**, they are required to take the Revised Basic Training;
  - b. If training is taken **less than 2 years from date of application for COP**, they are required to take the Updating Training on BT-PSSR only.

For guidance and strict compliance of all concerned.

  
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