



Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY



MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO.: SC-2021-01
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TO : ALL SEAFARERS, MANNING AGENCIES, SHIPPING COMPANIES, MARITIME TRAINING INSTITUTIONS, ASSESSMENT CENTERS, MARITIME HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS AND OTHER MARITIME INDUSTRY STAKEHOLDERS CONCERNED

SUBJECT : AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE V OF STCW CIRCULARS NO. 2018-08 AND 2018-09

Pursuant to Presidential Decree (PD) No. 474, Republic Act No. 10635 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR), and the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978, as amended, the herein addendum to STCW Circulars No. 2018-08 and 2018-09 are hereby promulgated and adopted:

Article I **OBJECTIVE**

Section 1. The objective of this Circular is to amend relevant sections of Article V – Specific Provisions of the STCW Circulars No. 2018-08 and 2018-09 relative to the revised rules and mandatory minimum requirements in the assessment of competence under the relevant provisions of the following Chapters of STCW Convention, 1978, as amended:

- a. Chapter II – Master and Deck Department;
- b. Chapter III – Engine Department; and
- c. Chapter IV – GMDSS Radio Operators.

Article II **AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE V – SPECIFIC PROVISIONS OF STCW CIRCULARS NO. 2018-08 AND 2018-09**

Section 2. The provisions under **Section 14(c)iv and v, Section 15(c)iv and v, and Section 16 of the STCW Circular No. 2018-08** are hereby amended to read as follows:

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“Section 14. For purposes of the theoretical examination, the following rules shall apply:

c. xxx

iii. xxx

iv. A candidate who fails the removal assessment or was not able to take the said examination within the prescribed period shall only be allowed to retake the whole theoretical examination after six (6) months from the date of candidate’s removal assessment or after six (6) months from the date of the prescribed period to take the removal assessment, respectively.

v. A candidate who fails a retake shall only be allowed to retake the theoretical examination again after six (6) months from the date of candidate’s last examination.

Section 15. For purposes of practical assessment, the following rules shall apply:

c. xxx

iii. xxx

iv. A candidate who fails the removal assessment or was not able to take the said assessment within the prescribed period shall only be allowed to retake the whole practical assessment after six (6) months from the date of candidate’s removal assessment or after six (6) months from the date of the prescribed period to take the removal assessment, respectively.

v. A candidate who fails a retake shall only be allowed to retake the practical assessment again after six (6) months from the date of candidate’s last practical assessment.”

Section 3. The provisions under **Section 14(c)iv and v, Section 15(c)iv and v, and Section 16 of the STCW Circular No. 2018-09** are hereby amended to read as follows:

“Section 14. For purposes of the theoretical examination, the following rules shall apply:

a. xxx

iii. xxx

iv. A candidate who fails the removal assessment or was not able to take the said examination within the prescribed period shall

only be allowed to retake the whole theoretical examination after six (6) months from the date of candidate's removal assessment or after six (6) months from the date of the prescribed period to take the removal assessment, respectively.

- v. A candidate who fails a retake shall only be allowed to retake the theoretical examination again after six (6) months from the date of candidate's last examination.

Section 15. For purposes of practical assessment, the following rules shall apply:

c. xxx

iii. xxx

- iv. A candidate who fails the removal assessment or was not able to take the said assessment within the prescribed period shall only be allowed to retake the whole practical assessment after six (6) months from the date of candidate's removal assessment or after six (6) months from the date of the prescribed period to take the removal assessment, respectively.

- v. A candidate who fails a retake shall only be allowed to retake the practical assessment again after six (6) months from the date of candidate's last practical assessment."

Article III REPEALING CLAUSE

Section 4. Relevant provisions under Sections 14 and 15 of the STCW Circulars No. 2018-08 and 2018-09 are hereby amended while Section 16 of the same Circulars is hereby deleted. Other existing MARINA and STCW Circulars, STCW Advisories, rules and regulations which are contrary or inconsistent with this Circular are hereby superseded, repealed or amended accordingly.

Article IV SEPARABILITY CLAUSE

Section 5. If any provision or part of this Circular is declared by any competent authority to be invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions or parts hereof shall remain in full force and effect and shall continue to be valid and effective.

Article V
EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE

Section 6. This Memorandum Circular shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication in a newspaper of general circulation and submission to the Office of the National Administrative Register (ONAR).

Done in Manila, Philippines on FEB 18 2021.

BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE BOARD:


VADM ROBERT A EMPEDRAD AFP (Ret)
Administrator

SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that Memorandum Circular No. SC-2021- 01 was approved by the MARINA Board during its 283rd Regular Board Meeting held on February 11, 2021.


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