



## MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY



### STCW Circular No. 2017-

**TO: ALL SEAFARERS, MARITIME INDUSTRY STAKEHOLDERS, MARITIME HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS, MARITIME TRAINING INSTITUTIONS, PORT STATE CONTROL, AND OTHER ENTITIES AND INDIVIDUALS CONCERNED**

**SUBJECT: MANDATORY MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CERTIFICATION OF RATINGS AS ABLE SEAFARER DECK IN ACCORDANCE TO REGULATION II/5 OF THE STANDARD OF TRAINING, CERTIFICATION AND WATCHKEEPING FOR SEAFARERS, 1978, AS AMENDED.**

Pursuant to Republic Act 10635 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR), and the 1978 International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping (STCW), as amended, the following rules shall be adopted:

### 1. OBJECTIVES

- .1 To prescribe rules and regulations for the issuance of certificate of proficiency as Able Seafarers Deck in accordance to Regulation II/5 of the STCW Convention, 1978 as amended.
- .2 to implement the applicable provisions of regulation I/6 "Training and Assessment" and Regulation I/8 "Quality Standards" of the 1978 STCW Convention, as amended, on the assessment of competence of Ratings as Able Seafarer Deck.

### 2. COVERAGE

This Circular covers the Examination, Assessment and issuance of certificate of proficiency as Able Seafarers Deck.

### 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS

For purposes of this Circular, in addition to the terms defined under STCW Circular No. 2014-01 and other relevant STCW Circulars, the following terms shall be defined as follows:

- .1 "Rating" means a member of the ship's crew other than the master or an officer;



- .2 "Candidate" refers to any seafarer who intends to undergo assessment of competence to qualify for certification as a rating as Able seafarer deck;
- .3 "Approved Education and Training Program" refers to the education and training program as approved by the Administration for the purpose of qualifying a Rating as Able Seafarer Deck;
- .4 "Certificate of Proficiency" means a certificate, other than a certificate of competency issued to a seafarer, stating that the relevant requirements of training, competencies or seagoing service in the Convention have been met;

#### **4. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

- .1 The issuance of certificate of proficiency shall be in accordance to Regulation II/5 and the relevant provisions of Regulation I/2, I/9 and I/15 of the STCW Convention.
- .2 The standard of competence shall be in accordance to section A-II/5 of the STCW Code.
- .3 The education and training of Able Seafarers Deck shall be in accordance to Table A-II/5 of the STCW Code.
- .4 The examination and assessment of Able Seafarers Deck shall be in accordance to Column 3 and 4 of the Table A-II/5.
- .5 The methods for demonstrating competence shall be in accordance to column 3 of Table A-II/5 of the STCW Code.
- .6 The Revalidation of COP for Able Seafarers Deck shall be in accordance with the specific regulations for the certificates being applied for and the applicable provisions of Regulations I/9 and I/15 of the STCW Convention.

#### **5. SPECIFIC PROVISIONS**

Mandatory minimum requirements for certification of ratings as able seafarer deck.

- .1 Every candidate for certification as able seafarer's deck shall:
  - .1 be not less than 18 years of age;
  - .2 meet the requirements for certification as a rating forming part of a navigational watch;



- .2 While qualified to serve as a rating forming part of a navigational watch, have approved seagoing service in the deck department of:

- .1 not less than 18 months, or
- .2 not less than 12 months and have completed approved training; and
- .3 meet the standard of competence specified in section A-II/5 of the STCW Code.

**6. REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATE OF PROFICIENCY AS ABLE SEAFARER DECK.**

- .1 Documentary evidence of meeting the requirements of Regulation II/4 are as follows:
  1. Certificate of Completion for Ratings Forming Part of a Navigational Watch; or
  2. Deck Watch keeping subject as shown in transcript of records and 2 months of seagoing service; or
  3. Six (6) months seagoing service; or
  4. COP of RFPNW (Ratings forming part of Navigational watch)
- .2 Eighteen (18) months of seagoing service in the deck department;  
OR  
Twelve (12) months seagoing service in the deck department and certificate of completion of approved training for Able Seafarer Deck;
- .3 Photocopy of page one (1) of SIRB, show candidate not less 18 yrs. Of age, and relevant pages showing appropriate seagoing service and certificate of sea service from shipping company;
- .4 Valid Medical Certificate from DOH-accredited medical hospital or clinic;
- .5 Certificate of Practical or Oral Assessment.

**7. REQUIREMENTS FOR THE REVALIDATION OF CERTIFICATE OF PROFICIENCY AS ABLE SEAFARER DECK.**

- .1 Certificate of Proficiency as Able Seafarer Deck;
- .2 Photo copy of page one (1) SIRB or Passport or any government issued ID;
- .3 Valid Medical Certificate from DOH-accredited medical hospital or clinic;

## **8. ASSESSMENT AND EXAMINATION**

- .1 Every candidate for certification as Able Seafarer Deck shall meet the standard of competence by passing the practical assessment or oral assessment as prescribe in Annex I and Section 13 of this circular;
- .2 Assessment center for practical assessment shall require candidates to present the requirements set out in Section 6 of this circular.
- .3 Candidates with 18 months of seagoing service and above shall undergo oral assessment to be conducted by MARINA Assessors.
- .4 Candidates with 18 months but not less than 12 months of seagoing service shall undergo practical assessment to be conducted by accredited assessment center.
- .5 Assessment Centers are not allowed to conduct assessment on their own trainees.
- .6 Assessment Centers conducting simulator shall provide free familiarization and shall use only a licensed simulator.

## **9. PROCEDURES FOR PRACTICAL ASSESSMENT**

The candidate shall register and submit the following to the Assessment Center:

- .1 Candidate shall registered in the Seafarer Certification System through <http://stcw.marina.gov.ph/scsv2.0/> to secure the Seafarer's Registration Number (SRN).
- .2 At the Assessment Center, candidates shall present documents as prescribe on section 6 of this circular. Documents shall be valid and verified for its authenticity.
- .3 The candidate may choose as many competences as he intends to take in one sitting;
- .4 Assessment center shall provide schedule of practical assessment after payment. Fees for practical assessment shall be per competence.

## **10. DURING THE PRACTICAL ASSESSMENT:**

- .1 Report to the assessment center at least 30 minutes prior to schedule;
- .2 Follow the instructions of the authorized accredited assessor;
- .3 Take the practical assessment only for the competences indicated;
- .4 Complete the practical assessment in every competence indicated within the time allotted; and



- .5 Do not leave the examination premises until after taking the examination, as scheduled;

#### **11. AFTER TAKING THE PRACTICAL ASSESSMENT:**

- .1 secure ratings in the various competences;
- .2 note the competences with a failing mark, if any; and schedule for re-sit, if necessary; or
- .3 schedule other competences that is not yet taken, if necessary;

#### **12. REQUIREMENTS FOR COMPLETION OF PRACTICAL ASSESSMENT**

- .1 The candidate shall pass all the competences within a period of not exceeding 2 years (24 months) to be reckoned from the last date of practical assessment;
- .2 If the candidate fails to complete all the competences within the 2-year period, those that received a "PASSED" mark beyond 2 years shall expire, and shall be re-assessed accordingly;
- .3 A candidate who fails in a certain competence shall not be allowed to re-sit on the same day.
- .4 A candidate who fail three (3) times on the same competence are not allowed to re-sit for not less than one (1) month.

#### **13. PROCEDURES FOR ORAL ASSESSMENT**

Candidates with 18 months of seagoing service and above shall undergo oral assessment to be conducted by MARINA Assessors.

- .1 Candidate shall present documents as prescribe on section 6 of this circular. Documents shall be valid and verified for its authenticity.
- .2 After validation and verification of documents, Oral assessment will be conducted immediately.
- .3 For successfully passing the oral assessment the candidate can process issuance of COP.
- .4 A candidate who fails oral assessment shall not be allowed to re-sit on the same day.
- .5 A candidate who fails three (3) times on the oral assessment are not allowed to re-sit for not less than one (1) month.

#### **14. DOCUMENTS ISSUED BY THE ADMINISTRATION**

For a seafarer who has completed all the requirements under specific section 6 of this Circular, Certificate of Proficiency for Ratings as Able seafarer deck on a seagoing ship of 500 gross tonnage or more, shall be issued

**15. QUALIFIED POSITIONS ON BOARD FOR THE ISSUANCE OF ABLE SEAFARERS DECK**

Deck Cadet, Bosun, Pumpman, Fitter, AB, AB/GP, AB/Cook, OS, GP, GP/OS, Cat/OS, Crane Operator, Forklift Driver, Rastabout, Painter, Carpenter, Mechanic, Cable Layer, Derrickman, Rigger, Splicer, Voyage Cleaner or any other position considered by the Administration as equivalent.

**16. VALIDITY OF CERTIFICATES**

COPs for Ratings as Able Seafarer Deck shall have no expiration.

**17. SCHEDULE OF FEES, PENALTIES AND FINES**

The schedule of fees, penalties and fines shall be provided in a separate circular.

**18. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

.1 The mandatory minimum requirements on tankers and passenger ships under Chapter V of the STCW Code (Special Training Requirements) shall be provided in a separate circular;

.2 The period of validity of any Certificate issued by the Administration shall be in conformance with the standards and guidance set out under the STCW, as amended;

**19. TRANSITORY PROVISIONS**

Seafarers who have served in a relevant capacity in the deck department for a period of not less than 12 months within the last 60 months prior to 01 Jan. 2012, have met the requirements of Regulation II/5 of the 1978 STCW Convention, as amended, and shall be issued upon request with the corresponding Certificate of Proficiency.

**20. PENALTY CLAUSE**

Any violation of the provisions of this Circular and other related MARINA issuances shall be governed and sanctioned by the provisions of the IRR for RA 10635 and pertinent MARINA STCW Circulars, including any amendment or addendum thereof, as may be promulgated by the Administration.

**21. REPEALING CLAUSE**

Any provision of existing MARINA and STCW Circulars, rules and regulations, or of any other Philippine government agency related to education, training, examination, assessment, licensing and certification of rating as able seafarer deck, which are contrary or inconsistent with this Circular are hereby superseded, repealed or amended accordingly.



## **22. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE**

Should any provision or part of this Circular be 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.

## **23. EFFECTIVITY:**

This STCW Circular shall take effect immediately on the day of its publication. Manila, Philippines, \_\_\_\_\_.

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Approved:

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## **CERTIFICATION**

This is to certify that STCW Circular No. \_\_\_\_\_ was approved by the Administrator on \_\_\_\_\_.

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## ANNEX I

### GUIDE FOR THE PRACTICAL ASSESSMENT OF COMPETENCE FOR RATINGS AS ABLE SEAFARER DECK

	COMPETENCE	NUMBER OF EXERCISES / ORAL QUESTIONS	REMARKS
<b>F1</b>	<b>NAVIGATION AT THE SUPPORT LEVEL</b>		
C1*	Contribute to a safe navigational watch	T & A (RPFNW)	
C2	Contribute to berthing, anchoring and other mooring operations	1	
<b>F2</b>	<b>CARGO HANDLING AND STOWAGE AT THE SUPPORT LEVEL</b>		
C3	Contribute to the handling of cargo and stores	1	
<b>F3</b>	<b>CONTROLLING THE OPERATION OF THE SHIP AND CARE FOR PERSONS ON BOARD AT THE SUPPORT LEVEL</b>		
C4	Contribute to the safe operation of deck equipment and machinery	1	
C5	Apply occupational health and safety precautions	1	
C6*	Apply precautions and contribute to the prevention of pollution of the marine environment	T & A (MARPOL I-VI)	
C7*	Operate survival craft and rescue boats	T & A (PSCRB)	
<b>F4</b>	<b>MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR AT THE SUPPORT LEVEL</b>		
C8	Contribute to shipboard maintenance and repair	1	

**REMARKS: PASS OR FAIL**

T & A = Training and Assessment Documentary Evidence

**Notes:**

1. Candidate are required to PASS all competences in order to qualify for the issuance of AB Seafarer Deck
2. C1, C6 and C7 (\*) shall be an evidenced obtained from an approved training and assessment related thereto.
3. A candidate who fails in a certain competence shall not be allowed to re-sit on the same day.
4. The assessment results are subject to the validation of the Board of Ratings