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STCW Advisory No. **2015-24**

**TO: ALL SEAFARERS, MARITIME TRAINING INSTITUTIONS (MTIs),
SHIPOWNERS, MANNING AGENCIES, OTHER ENTITIES AND
INDIVIDUALS CONCERNED**

**SUBJECT: CLARIFICATIONS ON THE REVALIDATION OF CERTIFICATES
OF COMPETENCY (COC) AND SEQUENTIAL ORDER OF
TRAINING AND EXAMINATION/ASSESSMENT FOR COC**

Pursuant to Republic Act No. 10635 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR), the 1978 International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping (STCW '78) for Seafarers, as amended, and further to STCW Circulars 2014-08, 2014-09, 2014-10, 2014-11, 2014-12, 2014-13, 2015-01, and STCW Advisory 2015-21, this Authority hereby clarifies specific items on **“Re-validation of COC and the Specific requirements prior to sitting the examination for COC.”** For purposes of consistency, all clarifications shall be within the context of the relevant STCW Circular or Advisory.

Revalidation of COCs

This clarification relates to the revalidation of COCs found in the following provisions:

- STCW Circ. 2014-08, Section 12 (OIC of a Navigational Watch on Ships of 500 Gross Tonnage or More)
- STCW Circ. 2014-09, Section 11 (OIC of an Engineering Watch on Ships of 750 KW Propulsion Power or More)
- STCW Circ. 2014-10, Section 12 (Chief Mate on Ships of 500 Gross Tonnage or More)

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- STCW Circ. 2014-11, Section 11 (Second Engineer Officer on Ships of 750 KW Propulsion Power or More)
- STCW Circ. 2014-12, Section 12 (Master on Ships of 500 Gross Tonnage or More)
- STCW Circ. 2014-13, Section 11 (Chief Engineer Officer on Ships of 750 KW Propulsion Power or More)
- STCW Circ. 2015-01, Section 12 (Master on Ships of Less than 500 Gross Tonnage not Engaged in Near-Coastal Voyages)

The above provisions stipulate five (5) different options for assessment of continued professional competency as a prerequisite for revalidation of COCs.

It is hereby clarified that:

- To use as basis for demonstrating continued professional competency for the revalidation of a COC, **an applicant may choose any one (1)** from among the five (5) different options enumerated in either Section 11 or 12 of the relevant STCW Circular;
- For applicants choosing “Option 4” (i.e., Section 11.1.4 or 12.1.4), the approved training program shall take the form of a MARINA-approved refresher course; and
- Applicants choosing “Option 3” (i.e., Section 11.1.3 or 12.1.3) shall **not** be made to “re-take” or repeat the full battery of theoretical examination and practical assessment for COC, but rather an abbreviated test, approved and administered by MARINA for the sole purpose of demonstrating continued professional competency.

STCW Advisory 2015-21, Section 1.1

Under Section 1.1 of STCW Advisory 2015-21, candidates for examination and assessment whose education and training as Bachelor of Science Marine Transportation/Engineering commenced prior to June 2013 are required to take the Part A OIC Updating Training prior to examination and assessment. However, in the interest of expeditious processing of the necessary updating given the limited amount of time allotted for this activity, said **candidates shall now be given the**



option to sit for the theoretical examination or the practical assessment prior to taking the Part A OIC Updating Training.

MARINA shall only award the COC upon successful completion of all examination, assessment, and updating training requirements, regardless of the order in which they are taken or complied.

This STCW Advisory shall take effect immediately.

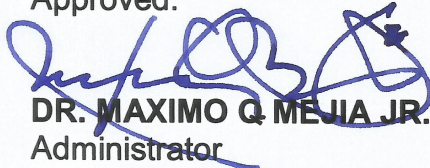
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CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that STCW Advisory No. 2015-24 was approved by the Administrator on 23 October 2015.



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