



## MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY

STCW ADVISORY NO. 2018- 09

**TO: ALL SEAFARERS, FLAG ADMINISTRATIONS, MARITIME TRAINING INSTITUTIONS, MARITIME HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS, SHIPOWNERS, MANNING AGENCIES, OTHER ENTITIES AND INDIVIDUALS CONCERNED**

**SUBJECT: FURTHER CLARIFICATION ON THE TRANSITORY PROVISION UNDER STCW CIRCULARS 2018-08 AND 2018-09**

In line with the STCW Circular 2018-08, "Revised Rules and Mandatory Minimum Requirements in the Assessment of Competence of Seafarers under the Relevant Provisions of Chapters II and IV of the STCW Convention, 1978, as Amended" and STCW Circular 2018-09, "Revised Rules and Mandatory Minimum Requirements in the Assessment of Competence of Seafarers under the Relevant Provisions of Chapter III of the STCW Convention, 1978, as Amended", the following clarifications are hereby adopted:

- a. The STCW Office shall accept applications for theoretical examination under STCW Circulars 2014-08; 2014-09; 2014-10; 2014-11; 2014-12 and 2014-13 until **12 April 2019 ONLY**.
- b. Beginning on **15 April 2019**, only candidates who meet the requirements for the issuance of Certificate of Competency (COC) shall be accepted to undergo theoretical examination and practical assessment under STCW Circular 2018-08 and 2018-09.
- c. The last day of the conduct of Regular Theoretical Examination under STCW Circulars 2014-08; 2014-09; 2014-10; 2014-11; 2014-12 and 2014-13 is on **30 April 2019 ONLY** and pass the same until **27 December 2019 ONLY**.
- d. Starting on **01 May 2019**, the assessment of competence shall be in accordance with STCW Circulars 2018-08 to 2018-09.

Further clarifications are hereby made applicable during the transition period (December 2018- December 2019):

- e. The training or refresher program under STCW Circulars 2014-08; 2014-09; 2014-10; 2014-11; 2014-12 and 2014-13 for candidate who failed in a particular competence for 3 times **is no longer applicable**. Consequently, the candidate must undergo on board experience relating to the competence failed for a period of not less than three (3) months.

- f. All candidates for Masters, Chief Mates, Chief Engineer Officers and Second Engineer Officers **shall be required to pass the Class I theoretical examination** as specified under Annex 1 of STCW Circulars 2014-10, 2014-12, 2014-11 and 2014-13 respectively.
- g. While the requirement is to pass the Class 1 theoretical examination, the COC to be issued shall be in accordance with the sea going service specified under the STCW Regulation governing the COC being applied for pursuant to STCW Circular 2018-06 and 2018-07.
- h. The training program in "Maneuvering and Handling a Ship 3,000 gross tonnage and above" shall **no longer be required**. However, the said training undertaken prior to the effectivity of this Advisory, shall be accepted by the STCW Office for the purpose of issuance of Certificate of Competence (COC) for ship 3,000 gross tonnage and above.

For guidance and strict compliance.

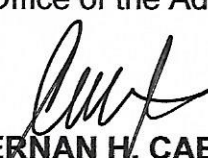
This Advisory shall take effect immediately.

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#### CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that STCW Advisory No 2018- 09 was approved by the Officer-in-Charge, Office of the Administrator on 29 November 2018

  
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