



## MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY

**STCW Circular No. 2017-02**

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

**SUBJECT: RULES AND REGULATIONS 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 PD 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 (STCW Convention) the following rules shall be adopted:

### **1. OBJECTIVES**

To prescribe rules and regulations for the issuance of certificate of proficiency as Able Seafarers Deck on a seagoing ship of 500 gross tonnage or more; in accordance to Regulation II/5 of the STCW Convention, 1978 as amended.

### **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 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 1978, as amended.
- .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 methods for demonstrating competence shall be in accordance to column 3 of Table A-II/5 of the STCW Code.

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

Mandatory minimum requirements for certification of ratings as Able Seafarer Deck.

- .1 Every Able Seafarer deck serving on a seagoing ship of 500 gross tonnage or more shall be duly certificated.
- .2 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;
- .3 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 for rating forming part of a navigational watch (Regulation II/4);
- .2 Eighteen (18) months of approved seagoing service in the deck department and have met the standard of competence specified in section A-II/5 of the STCW Code.  
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, showing candidate is not less 18 years of age, and relevant pages showing appropriate seagoing service/s and certificate of sea service from shipping company;
- .4 Valid Medical Certificates from DOH-accredited medical hospital or clinic;
- .5 Certificate of Practical Assessment from MARINA accredited Assessment Centers.

**7. ASSESSMENT AND EXAMINATION**

- .1 Every candidate for certification as Able Seafarer Deck shall meet the standard of competence by passing the Practical Assessment as prescribed in Annex I 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 not less than 12 months of approved seagoing service in the deck department shall undergo practical assessment to be conducted by MARINA accredited assessment center.
- .4 Assessment Centers and its affiliates are not allowed to conduct assessment on their own trainees.
- .5 If the assessment center who will use simulators as means to assess a candidate, familiarization with the use of simulator shall be conducted.



- .6 Assessment Center must abide with the equipment and trainee / assessee ratio of 1:4 and assessee and assessor ratios of 1:16 for the purpose of effective assessment process.

## **8. 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) and upload all the documents under Section 6.
- .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 and re-sits shall be per competence.
- .5 No re-sit shall be given to the assessee on the same day to provide them ample time for study or review.

## **9. 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 or re-sit 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 assessment, as scheduled;

## **10. AFTER TAKING THE PRACTICAL ASSESSMENT**

- .1 secure results 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 are not yet taken, if necessary;

**11. 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 fails three (3) times on the same competence during the oral or practical assessment is not allowed to re-sit for not less than one (1) month.

**12. DOCUMENTS ISSUED BY THE ADMINISTRATION**

For a seafarer who has completed all the requirements under section 6 of this Circular, a Certificate of Proficiency for Ratings as Able seafarer shall be issued

**13. 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.

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

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

**15. 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 Convention 1978, as amended;

#### **16. 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 and have met the requirements of Regulation II/5 of the STCW Convention 1978, as amended, shall be issued upon request with the corresponding Certificate of Proficiency.

#### **17. 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.

#### **18. 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.

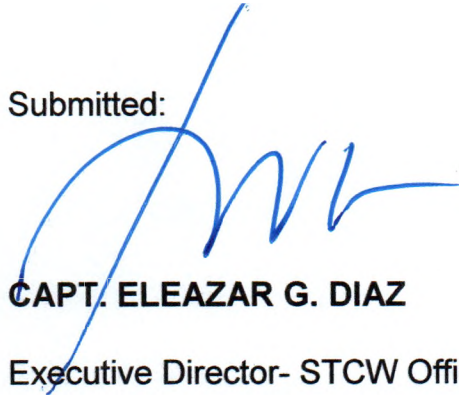
#### **19. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE**

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.

**20. EFFECTIVITY:**

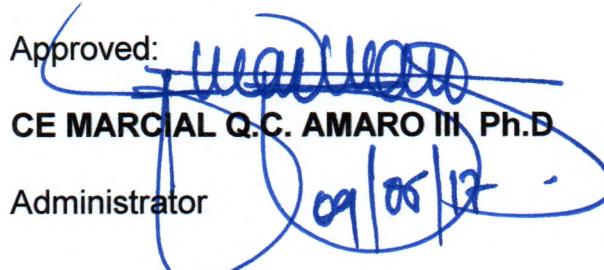
This STCW Circular shall take effect immediately on the day of its publication. Manila, Philippines, May 10, 2017.

Submitted:



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Approved:



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**CERTIFICATION**

This is to certify that STCW Circular No. 2017- 02 was approved by the Administrator on May 10, 2017.



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**ANNEX I**

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

	COMPETENCE	NUMBER OF EXERCISES	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