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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



## MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY

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TO : ALL MANNING/ SHIPPING COMPANIES, OWNERS AND OPERATORS, STAKEHOLDERS, SEAFARERS, AND ALL CONCERNED

SUBJECT : SEAFARER-RELATED GUIDELINES DURING ENHANCED COMMUNITY QUARANTINE (ECQ)

DATE : 31 July 2021

In view of the declaration of Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) in the National Capital Region (NCR) per IATF Resolution No. 130-A, Series of 2021, issued on July 29, 2021, starting 06 August 2021 to 20 August 2021 and other areas nationwide, coverage dates may vary for other areas outside NCR, and pursuant to the Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation of Community Quarantine in the Philippines, the following guidelines are hereby implemented for the conduct of trainings, examination and assessments, and issuance of STCW certificates:

### I. ISSUANCE OF STCW RELATED CERTIFICATES

1. Only expedite applications for COC/COP of seafarers will be processed from 06 – 20 August 2021 at the MARINA Central Office.

Only those seafarers who **have confirmed appointments for expedite application with complete expedite requirements (including verified flight ticket within two days from date of application)** will be processed during ECQ at the MARINA Central Office, Port Area, Manila.

**Strictly no walk-in applicants will be accepted.**

2. All other seafarers with confirmed COP/COC-related appointments from 06 – 20 August 2021 for the issuance, revalidation or replacement of COP, COC within NCR and other similarly situated areas nationwide shall be rescheduled starting 23 August 2021 for the former and upon the lifting of ECQ in other areas nationwide for the latter.

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New schedules shall be posted in the MARINA website ([www.marina.gov.ph](http://www.marina.gov.ph)) and official social media platforms once available.

## II. CONDUCT OF TRAINING, EXAMINATIONS AND ASSESSMENTS

1. All **scheduled** face-to-face classes and practical assessments of all Maritime Training Institutions (MTIs) located in the NCR and other similarly situated areas, are hereby **suspended** during the ECQ.

Affected MTIs are advised to reschedule the affected classes/assessments to a later date. Upon lifting of the ECQ, MTIs are directed to implement their Post- ECQ Operation Plan before resuming their operations.

2. All scheduled **THEORETICAL EXAMINATIONS** starting August 06, 2021 at the MARINA Central Office, Port Area Manila, **are hereby temporarily suspended**. All affected examinees scheduled from August 06-13, 2021, will be moved to August 02-05, 2021 and will be notified thru SMS/email.

For those who are scheduled from August 16 - 31, 2021, a new Schedule of Theoretical Examination shall be provided by the Examination & Assessment Division (EAD) of the STCW Office to affected examinees through SMS/emails once the ECQ is lifted.

Online & Final Evaluations for Theoretical Examination will still continue, as scheduled, since they can be done through online and **NO PERSONAL APPEARANCE IS NEEDED** at the MARINA Central Office.

3. The conduct of **PRACTICAL ASSESSMENTS** of the Assessment Centers (ACs) within the NCR and other similarly situated affected areas, shall likewise be suspended during the ECQ period.

Online & Final Evaluations for Practical Assessment will still push through as scheduled since they can be done through online and **NO PERSONAL APPEARANCE IS NEEDED** at the MARINA Central Office.

Upon the lifting of the ECQ, affected ACs are hereby advised to reschedule all affected seafarers in accordance with their approved Post-ECQ Operation Plan.

For clarifications, you may send an email at [sctwo\\_ead@marina.gov.ph](mailto:sctwo_ead@marina.gov.ph) or call at **(02) 8526 1049**.



### III. PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

All stakeholders are enjoined to report to the Surveillance Division, STCW Office with email address, **stcw.surveillance@marina.gov.ph** or **stcw\_sd@mail.marina.gov.ph** those institutions who failed to comply with this Advisory.

Inquiries and concerns of seafarers and maritime institution/s can be lodged via the following email addresses:

contactcenter@marina.gov.ph

stcw\_cert@marina.gov.ph

stcw\_accr@marina.gov.ph

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The above schedules are subject to change depending on the lifting of the ECQ in NCR and other similarly affected areas.

For the information and guidance of all concerned.

  
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