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TO : ALL SEAFARERS, MARITIME HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS (MHEIs), MARITIME TRAINING INSTITUTIONS (MTIs), ASSESSMENT CENTERS (ACs), LICENSED MANNING AGENCIES (LMAs), SHIPPING COMPANIES, SHIP OWNERS AND OPERATORS, AND OTHER MARITIME INDUSTRY STAKEHOLDERS CONCERNED

SUBJECT : REITERATION OF STCW MANDATORY COURSES AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS IN THE ISSUANCE AND REVALIDATION OF CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY (CoC) AND CERTIFICATE OF PROFICIENCY (CoP) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STCW CONVENTION, 1978, AS AMENDED

Notice is hereby given that, in accordance with the pertinent provisions of Presidential Decree (PD) No. 474 and by virtue of Resolution No. 2022 - 09 - 04 of the Maritime Industry Board, dated 20 September 2022, the following are hereby **reiterated**:

1. The **Management Level Course (MLC) for Marine Deck Officers** and **MLC for Marine Engineer Officers**, which were adopted and promulgated under MARINA Memorandum Circular (MC) No. 2014-01, series of 2014, **are mandatory courses** and, shall continue to be implemented in accordance with the said Circular and, required **for seafarers who will apply** for assessment of competence and subsequent issuance of CoC as Master and Chief Mate and Chief Engineer and Second Engineer Officers in compliance with the required *completion of an approved education and training and meeting the prescribed standards of competence* under Regulation II/2 and III/2, respectively, of the STCW Convention, 1978, as amended.
2. The **ETO and ETR courses**, with course standards disseminated through STCW Advisory 2019-05, **are mandatory courses** and shall continue to be implemented based on the said standards and, required **for seafarers who will apply** for assessment of competence and subsequent issuance of CoC as ETO and CoP as ETR in compliance with the required *completion of an approved education and training and meeting the prescribed standards of competence* under Regulation III/6 and III/7, respectively, of the STCW Convention, 1978, as amended.
3. For purposes of *assessment of competence* and the *issuance and revalidation* of CoC and CoP, the following **Circulars shall continue to be implemented and shall remain in full force and effect** unless otherwise duly amended/ superseded/ rescinded/ or revoked by the Maritime Industry Board:

- 3.1. **STCW Circular No. 2018-08**, dated 20 September 2018, *Subject*: “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”, including its relevant amendments that were duly adopted and promulgated by the Board;
 - 3.2. **STCW Circular 2018-09**, dated 20 September 2018, *Subject*: “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”, including its relevant amendments that were duly adopted and promulgated by the Board;
 - 3.3. **MC No. SC-2021-03, series of 2021**, dated 11 February 2021, *Subject*: “Revised Rules and Mandatory Minimum Requirements in the Issuance and Revalidation of Certificate of Competency (CoC) for Masters, Chief Mates, and Officers in Charge of a Navigational Watch on seagoing ships of 500 gross tonnage or more under Chapter II and for Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS) Radio Operators on Ships Required to Participate in the GMDSS under Chapter IV of the STCW Convention, 1978, as amended”;
 - 3.4. **MC No. SC-2021-06, series of 2021**, dated 11 February 2021, *Subject*: “Revised Rules and Mandatory Minimum Requirements in the Issuance and Revalidation of Certificate of Competency (CoC) for Chief Engineer Officers, Second Engineer Officers, Officers in Charge of an Engineering Watch in a manned engine-room or designated duty engineer in a periodically unmanned engine-room and Electro-Technical Officers serving on seagoing ships powered by main propulsion machinery of 750 kW propulsion power or more under Chapter III of the STCW Convention, 1978, as amended”;
 - 3.5. **MC No. SC-2021-04, series of 2021**, dated 11 February 2021, *Subject*: “Revised Rules in the Issuance and Revalidation of Certificate of Proficiency (CoP) for Basic Training, Survival Craft and Rescue Boats other than fast rescue boats, Fast Rescue Boats, Advanced Fire Fighting, Medical First Aid, Medical Care, Ship Security Officer, and Security-Awareness Training & Seafarers with Designated Security Duties Under Chapter VI of the STCW Convention, 1978, as amended”; and,
 - 3.6. **STCW Circular No. 2017-07**, dated 31 August 2017, *Subject*: “Mandatory Minimum Requirements for Certification of Electro-Technical Ratings”.
4. Henceforth, **seafarers applying** for *assessment of competence* and *issuance and revalidation of CoC*, as well as the *issuance and revalidation of CoP* shall comply with the requirements as provided in the appropriate Circular mentioned above.
 5. **MTIs** that are offering and conducting approved courses in MLC for Marine Deck Officers, MLC for Marine Engineer Officers, Electro-Technical Officers (ETO), and Electro-Technical Ratings (ETR) will be subjected to *review and evaluation* of their respective course offerings as well as *actual/onsite inspection* to verify and confirm their continuing compliance with the prescribed requirements and standards pertaining to the said courses.

6. **MHEIs** that are offering and conducting approved Bachelor of Science and Marine Transportation (BSMT) and Bachelor of Science in Marine Engineering (BSMarE) programs will also be subjected to *review and evaluation* of their respective program offerings as well as *actual/onsite inspection* to verify and confirm the delivery of courses which cover topics relating to the required knowledge, understanding and proficiency (KUPs) in the management level, among others, including their continuing compliance with the prescribed requirements and standards pertaining to the said programs.
7. The Examination and Assessment Division (EAD) of the STCW Office, this Authority as well as the **ACs** duly accredited to conduct practical assessment of competence for Management Level, ETO, and ETR shall ensure that the **applicants for assessment** have completed the mandatory approved course as specified in the appropriate Circular mentioned above before being allowed to take the assessment.
8. Likewise, the Certification Division of the STCW Office, this Authority shall ensure that the applicants for issuance and revalidation of CoC and CoP have completed the mandatory approved course as specified in the appropriate Circular mentioned above prior to the processing and issuance of CoC/CoP.

Furthermore, pursuant to the abovementioned Resolution, *MARINA Advisory No. 2021-23, series of 2021*, dated 07 May 2021, *MARINA Advisory No. 2021-45, series of 2021*, dated 03 August 2021 and *MARINA Advisory No. 2021-49, series of 2021*, dated 26 August 2021 have been declared **rescinded**, effective immediately.

For the guidance and strict compliance of all concerned.


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