



MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO.: SC-2020- 02

**TO :** ALL SEAFARERS, MANNING AGENCIES, SHIPPING COMPANIES, MARITIME TRAINING INSTITUTIONS, ASSESSMENT CENTERS, MARITIME HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS AND OTHER MARITIME INDUSTRY STAKEHOLDERS CONCERNED

**SUBJECT :** AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE II OF MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. SC 2019-01

Pursuant to Presidential Decree (PD) No. 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, 1978, as amended) and in view of the need to amend Section II of MARINA Memorandum Circular No. SC-2019-01 to further extend the deadline to complete the assessment of competence in view of the issuance of MARINA Advisory No. 2020-16 dated 17 March 2020 which provides for Seafarer-Related Guidelines in view of the declaration of the Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) in the entire Luzon and other areas of the Country due to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, the herein amendments are hereby promulgated and adopted, thus:

**Article II**  
**AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLE IX – TRANSITORY PROVISIONS OF STCW**  
**CIRCULAR NOS. 2018-08 AND 2018-09**

**Section 2.** The provisions under **Section 22, Article IX – Transitory Provisions of the STCW Circular No. 2018-08** are hereby amended to read as follows:

“**Section 22.** xxx

All seafarers who took the assessment of competence under STCW Circular Nos. 2014-08, 2014-10, 2014-12 and 2016-17 before 01 December 2019 shall be allowed to complete and pass such assessment until **31 December 2020.**”

**Section 3.** The provisions under **Section 22, Article IX – Transitory Provisions of the STCW Circular No. 2018-09** are hereby amended to read as follows:

**“Section 22. xxx**

All seafarers who took the assessment of competence under STCW Circular Nos. 2014-09, 2014-11, 2014-13 and 2016-13 before 01 December 2019 shall be allowed to complete and pass such assessment until **31 December 2020.**”

**Article III  
REPEALING CLAUSE**

**Section 4.** Any existing MARINA and STCW Circulars, STCW Advisories, rules and regulations which are contrary or inconsistent with this Circular are hereby superseded, repealed or amended accordingly.

**Article IV  
SEPERABILITY CLAUSE**

**Section 5.** If any provision or part of this Circular is 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.

**Article V  
EFFECTIVITY**

**Section 6.** This Memorandum Circular shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication in a newspaper of general circulation and submission to the Office of the National Administrative Register (ONAR).

Done in Manila, Philippines on MAY 26 2020.

  
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Administrator

## CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that Memorandum Circular No. SC 2020-02 has been approved by the MARINA Board during its 276<sup>th</sup> Regular Board Meeting on 21 May 2020.



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