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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR

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TO : ALL PERSONNEL OF FISHING VESSELS, FISHING COMPANIES, MANNING AGENCIES AND ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

SUBJECT : RULES AND REGULATIONS IN THE ISSUANCE OF DOMESTIC CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY (DCOC-F) FOR OFFICERS AND DOMESTIC CERTIFICATE OF PROFICIENCY (DCOP-F) FOR RATINGS ONBOARD FISHING VESSELS IN PHILIPPINE WATERS

Pursuant to Presidential Decree 474, R.A. 9295 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations and Philippine Fishing Vessels Safety Rules and Regulations (PFVSRR) of 2018, the following rules and regulations are hereby adopted:

I. OBJECTIVES

- 1.1 To prescribe rules and regulations in the issuance of Domestic Certificate of Competency (DCOC-F) for officers and Domestic Certificate of Proficiency (DCOP-F) for ratings onboard fishing vessels in Philippine waters.
- 1.2 To establish a system on the issuance of DCOC-F and DCOP-F for personnel onboard fishing vessels.
- 1.3 To ensure that all personnel onboard fishing vessels in Philippine waters are competent, proficient and medically fit to perform their duties and responsibilities.

II. COVERAGE

This rules and regulations shall apply to all personnel who are performing watchkeeping duties onboard fishing vessels in Philippine waters.

III. EXCEPTION

This Circular shall not apply to personnel onboard fishing vessels below 3 GT or non-propelled by mechanical means.

IV. DEFINITION OF TERMS

For the purposes of this Circular, terms defined in relevant MDS Circulars are hereby adopted.

1. **Domestic Certificate of Competency for Fishing Vessel (DCOC-F)** refers to a certificate issued to officers onboard fishing vessels attesting to their qualification to serve in a specified capacity and applicable limitation/s.
2. **Domestic Certificate of Proficiency for Fishing Vessel (DCOP-F)** refers to certificate issued to Deck hand or Engine hand onboard fishing vessels attesting to their qualification to serve in a specified capacity and applicable limitation/s.
3. **Philippine waters** refers to all bodies of water within the Philippine territory such as lakes, rivers, streams, creeks, brooks, ponds, swamps, lagoons, gulfs, bays and seas and other bodies of water now existing or which may hereafter exist in the provinces, cities, municipalities, and barangays and the waters around, between and connecting the islands of the archipelago regardless of their breadth and dimensions, the territorial sea, the sea beds, the insular shelves, and all other waters over which the Philippines has sovereignty and jurisdiction including the 200-nautical miles Exclusive Economic Zone and the continental shelf.
Source:(RA 8550)
4. **Watchkeeping** refers to the function of concerned division of qualified personnel to operate a ship continuously around the clock, on the bridge and over the running machinery, which include the responsibility for the safe navigation of the ship, keeping the ship on course and away from dangers and ensure that running machinery continues to operate, and ability to respond to emergencies, be it on own ship or involving other ships.

V. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. The applicant shall secure the Application Form from the MDS, MARINA Central Office or any of Regional Offices or download from the MARINA website
2. The duly filled-up application maybe submitted to MARINA personally, through liaison officer or a courier service. The applicant shall receive a confirmation advise, accordingly.
3. All personnel performing watchkeeping duties covered under this Circular shall possess at all times, a valid DCOC-F or DCOP-F while onboard fishing vessels in Philippine waters.
4. Holders of valid Certificate of Competency (COC) or Certificate of Proficiency (COP) issued pursuant to 1978 STCW Convention, as amended are acceptable and deemed compliant with this Circular.
5. Holders of D-COC/D-COP onboard fishing vessels operating in Philippine waters are acceptable and deemed compliant with this Circular.

VI. SPECIFIC PROVISIONS

1. Minimum Qualification Requirements:

- 1.1 Filipino citizen;
- 1.2 Medically and physically fit;
- 1.3 Must possess valid SRB/SIRB or SIB; and
- 1.4 Deck hand and Engine hand must have at least six (6) months sea-service for the last five (5) years.

2. Documentary Requirements:

- 2.1. Valid Medical Certificate;
- 2.2. Photocopy of pertinent pages of SRB/SIRB or SIB and/or Certificate of Sea Service;
- 2.3. Photocopy of Training Certificates (Original Certificate must be presented for validation);
- 2.4. Duly notarized affidavit of loss or submission of damaged Certificates (if necessary); and
- 2.5. COC or Certificate of Passing of Assessment from STCW, as applicable.

3. Training Requirements

3.1. Deck Department

- 3.1.1 Training requirements for Management Level, Operational Level and Support Level on fishing vessels 500 GT to 1000GT.

Training Requirements	Officers		Support Level (Deck hand)
	Management level (Master and CO)	Operational Level (2M & 3M)	
1. Advanced Firefighting	√	√	n/a
2. Medical Emergency First Aid	√	√	n/a
3. Medical Care	√		n/a
4. Proficiency in Survival Craft and Rescue Boat	√	√	n/a
5. Maritime Laws	n/a	n/a	√
6. Specialized Training on Emergency Response	√	n/a	n/a
7. Ship Security Awareness Training and Seafarers with Designated Security Duties (SSAT-SDSD)	√	√	√

3.1.2 Training requirements for Management Level, Operational Level and Support Level on ships 100 GT to below 500 GT:

Training Requirements	Officers		Support Level (Deck hand)
	Management Level (Master and CO)	Operational Level (2M & 3M)	
1. Deck Watchkeeping in the Domestic Trade	n/a	n/a	√
2. Maritime Laws	√	√	√
3. Ship Security Awareness Training and Seafarers with Designated Security Duties (SSAT-SDSD)	√	√	√

3.1.3 Training Requirements for Management Level, Operational Level and Support Level on Ships of below 100 GT:

Training Requirements	Management Level	Operational Level	Support Level (Deck hand)
1. Deck Watchkeeping in the Domestic Trade	n/a	n/a	√
2. Maritime Laws	√	√	√
3. Ship Security Awareness Training and Seafarers with Designated Security Duties (SSAT-SDSD)	√	√	√

3.2. Engine Department

3.2.1 Training Requirements for Management Level, Operational Level and Support Level of Ships with Engine Propulsion Power of 750 kW up to 3000 kW.

Training Requirements	Management Level	Operational Level	Support Level (Engine hand)
1. Engine Watchkeeping in the Domestic Trade	n/a	n/a	√
2. Specialized Training on Engine Room Operation for Fishing Vessel	√	n/a	n/a
3. Maritime Laws	n/a	n/a	√
4. Ship Security Awareness Training and Seafarers with Designated Security Duties (SSAT-SDSD)	√	√	√

3.2.2 Training Requirements for Management Level, Operational Level and Support Level of Ships with Engine Propulsion Power of below 750kW

Training Requirements	Management Level	Operational Level	Support Level (Engine hand)
1. Engine Watchkeeping in the Domestic Trade	n/a	n/a	√
2. Maritime Laws	n/a	n/a	√
3. Ship Security Awareness Training and Seafarers with Designated Security Duties (SSAT-SDSD)	√	√	√

VII. FEES

The application fee for issuance of certificate are the following:

Type of Application	Fees
1. DCOC-F	P 300.00
2. DCOP-F	P 200.00

VIII. FINES AND PENALTIES

Any violation of this Circular shall be dealt with in accordance with the existing MARINA Omnibus Rules and Regulations on Fines and Penalties.

IX. VALIDITY

The DCOC-F and DCOP-F is valid for 5 years from the date of issuance.

X. TRANSITORY PROVISIONS

Except holders of valid PRC license and COC issued by STCWO, all holders of DCOC issued under MC 2012-04 shall be given one (1) year to apply for DCOC-F or DCOP-F under this circular.

XI. REPEALING CLAUSE

Rule 10 and other provisions of PFVSRR which are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed and all provisions of other MARINA Circulars and Issuances which are inconsistent herewith are hereby amended accordingly.

XII. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE

Should any part of this Circular be declared by competent authority to be invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions or parts hereof shall remain valid and effective.

XIII. EFFECTIVITY

This MARINA Circular shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication once in a newspaper of general circulation.

Manila, Philippines, JUL 07 2020.

BY AUTHORITY OF THE BOARD:


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Administrator

SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE

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


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