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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. MD-2020-07
Series of 2020

TO : ALL SEAFARERS, SHIPPING/FISHING COMPANIES, MANNING AGENCIES AND ALL OTHER CONCERNED ENTITIES

SUBJECT : RULES AND REGULATIONS IN THE CONDUCT OF ASSESSMENT OF COMPETENCE OF SEAFARERS ONBOARD MOTORBANCA

Pursuant to Section 12 (g) of Presidential Decree 474, R.A. 9295 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations and Philippine Fishing Vessels Safety Rules and Regulations (PFVSR) of 2018, the following rules and regulations in the conduct of assessment of competence of seafarers onboard Motorbanca are hereby prescribe:

I. OBJECTIVE

To prescribe rules and regulations in the conduct of assessment of competence of seafarers onboard Motorbanca.

II. COVERAGE

This Circular shall cover seafarers applying for assessment of competence onboard Motorbanca.

III. DEFINITION OF TERMS

1. **Administration** refers to the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA).
2. **Assessment of Competence** refers to the process of collecting evidence through oral or testimonial assessment of the knowledge, understanding and proficiency, gained from the following: education, trainings and sea service experience, and making judgments on whether competency has been achieved to confirm that an individual can perform the required competence.
3. **Boat Master 2** refers to a seafarer duly authorized by the Administration to command or charge of a Motorbanca above 50 GT.
4. **Boat Master 1** refers to a seafarer duly authorized by the Administration to command or charge of a Motorbanca 50 GT and below.
5. **Boat Crew** refers to a seafarer onboard Motorbanca given the task to assist the Boat Master and Boat Mechanic.
6. **Boat Mechanic** refers to a seafarer duly authorized by the Administration to operate the mechanical propulsion of Motorbanca.
7. **Motorbanca** refers to traditionally built watercraft, predominantly wooden-hulled and propelled mechanically with or without an outrigger.

8. **Notice of Passing** refers to a document issued by the Administration to the seafarers after passing the oral or testimonial assessment.

IV. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. The seafarers applying for the assessment of competence must comply with all the requirements under this Circular.
2. Notice of Passing shall be issued to passers of oral or testimonial assessment.
3. License ID issued under MC 2012-03 shall remain valid until expiration. Likewise, CMP shall be replaced accordingly in accordance with this Circular.
4. Oral Assessment shall be administered by the Panel of Examiner (POE), while Testimonial Assessment shall be conducted by MDS/ MARINA Regional Offices (MRO) Director/OIC and/or authorized technical personnel.
5. Training requirements under this Circular shall be conducted by MARINA Pool of Trainers.
6. No fees shall be collected from seafarers applying for the assessment of competence.

V. SPECIFIC PROVISIONS

1. Qualification and Documentary Requirements of Candidate

1.1. Minimum Qualification Requirements

1.1.1. Boat Master 2 (above 50 GT)

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND	TRAININGS	EXPERIENCE (SEA SERVICE)	ASSESSMENT
Able to read and write	Boat Handling and Safe Navigation for Motorbanca	3 yrs. as Boat Master 1	Oral Assessment

1.1.2. Boat Master 1 (50 GT and Below)

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND	TRAININGS	EXPERIENCE (SEA SERVICE)	ASSESSMENT
Able to read and write	Boat Handling and Safe Navigation for Motorbanca	2 yrs. as Boat Crew	Testimonial Assessment

1.1.3. Boat Mechanic (Below 250 kW)

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND	TRAININGS	EXPERIENCE (SEA SERVICE)	ASSESSMENT
Able to read and write	Engine Operation and Maintenance for Motorbanca	1 yr. as Boat Crew	Testimonial Assessment

1.2. Documentary Requirements

- Photocopy of pertinent pages of valid SRB/SIRB or SIB and/or Certificate of Sea Service
- Valid Police Clearance or Barangay Clearance
- Valid Medical Certificate
- Certificate of Training Completion

2. Schedule, Coverage/Scope, Result of Oral Assessment

2.1. Schedule of Oral Assessment

- 2.1.1. The approved Annual Program of Assessment shall be posted in the MARINA Website on or before the 31st of December of each calendar year;
- 2.1.2. Assessment shall be conducted at the MARINA Central or Regional Offices as provided in the approved Annual Program of Assessment;
- 2.1.3. Testimonial Assessment shall be conducted by MDS/ MARINA (MRO) Director/ OIC or authorized technical personnel to Boat Master 1 and Boat Mechanic provided the required minimum number of ten (10) applicants are met.
- 2.1.4. Deadline for filing of application is 3 working days before the conduct of assessment.

2.2 Filing of Application

- 2.2.1 The applicant may secure the Application Form from MDS/MROs or download the same from the MARINA website. The documentary requirements must be filed for evaluation at MDS or any MROs, as case may be.

2.3 Process and Coverage of the Assessment

- 2.3.1 Boat Master 1 and 2 and Boat Mechanic shall be subjected to assessment covering the following subject areas:

2.3.1.1 For Boat Master:

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| a) Rules of the Road | 30% |
| b) Practical Navigation | 30% |
| c) Boat Handling | 30% |
| d) Applicable Maritime Laws | 10% |

2.3.1.2 For Boat Mechanic:

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| a) Engine Fundamental Principles and Operation | 30% |
| b) Engine Maintenance Procedures | 30% |
| c) Basic Electricity | 30% |
| d) Applicable Maritime Laws | 10% |

2.4 Passing Grade

The candidate must satisfactorily pass the assessment for the given performance criteria and performance standard.

3 Review, Validation and Revision

The review, validation and revision of assessment instrument may be done annually or as the need arises.

VI. FINES AND PENALTIES

Any violation of this Circular shall be dealt with in accordance with Item XI of MC 2012-03 and its succeeding amendments. For this purpose the term license shall include the certificates covered in this Circular.

VII. TRANSITORY PROVISION

Full implementation of this Circular to Boat Master 1 and 2, Boat Mechanic and Boat Crew shall be within one (1) year until the completion of development of the required courses and capacitated the Pool of Trainers.

VIII. REPEALING CLAUSE

Provisions of PFVSRR and other relevant MARINA Circulars which are inconsistent herewith are hereby amended or repealed accordingly.

IX. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE

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

X. EFFECTIVITY

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

Manila, Philippines, MAY 12 2021

BY AUTHORITY OF THE BOARD:


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SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the Memorandum Circular No. MD-2020-07 has been approved by the MARINA Board during its 273rd Regular Board Meeting held on 19 December 2019.


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