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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR No. MD-2020-08
Series of 2020

To : **ALL SEAFARERS, SHIPPING/FISHING COMPANIES,
MANNING AGENCIES AND ALL CONCERNED**

Subject : **RULES AND REGULATIONS ON THE ISSUANCE OF DOMESTIC
CERTIFICATE OF PROFICIENCY (DCOP-M) FOR 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 (PFVSRR) of 2018, the following rules and regulations are hereby adopted:

I. OBJECTIVES

1. To prescribe rules and regulations on the issuance of Domestic Certificate of Proficiency (DCOP-M) for Motorbanca.
2. To ensure that seafarers onboard Motorbanca are competent, certificated and medically fit to perform their duties and responsibilities.
3. To establish the registry system of certificated seafarers onboard Motorbanca under this Circular.

II. COVERAGE

These rules and regulations shall apply to all Boat Masters, Boat Mechanics and Boat Crews onboard Motorbanca.

III. EXCEPTION

This Circular shall not apply to seafarers who are onboard the following ships:

1. Naval/coast guard or other ships owned or operated by the Government exclusively engaged in governmental non-commercial service;
2. Wooden ships of primitive built not used for commercial trade.

IV. DEFINITION OF TERMS

1. **Boat Master 1** refers to a seafarer duly authorized by the Administration to command or charge of a Motorbanca 50 GT and below.
2. **Boat Master 2** refers to a seafarer duly authorized by the Administration to command or charge of a Motorbanca above 50 GT.
3. **Boat Mechanic** refers to a seafarer duly authorized by the Administration to operate the mechanical propulsion of Motorbanca.
4. **Boat Crew** refers to a crew onboard Motorbanca to perform the task to assist the Boat Master or Boat Mechanic in all operation of the boat.
5. **Domestic Certificate of Proficiency for Motorbanca (DCOP-M)** refers to certificate issued to Boat Master, Boat Mechanic and Boat Crew attesting to their qualification to serve in a specific capacity and applicable limitation/s.
6. **Medical Certificate** refers to any valid certificate issued by any DOH accredited hospitals, clinics or Rural Health Units.
7. **Motorbanca** refers to traditionally built watercraft, predominantly wooden-hulled and propelled mechanically with or without an outrigger.

V. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. Application for the issuance of DCOP-M may be personally filed by the applicant or by the Liaison Officer duly authorized by the company.
2. Holders of valid COC or COP issued under the provisions of the 1978 STCW Convention, as amended, and D-COC/D-COP, DCOC-F/DCOP-F are acceptable and deemed compliant under this Circular.
3. Boat Master/Mechanic and Boat Crew covered under this Circular must possess at all times a valid DCOP-M while onboard Motorbanca.
4. The Seafarers must undertake re-training for the required training courses if they have not served onboard at least 1 year within the last 5 years from the date of issuance of certificates.

VI. SPECIFIC PROVISIONS

1. **Qualification Requirements:**
 - 1.1 Filipino citizen;
 - 1.2 Medically and physically fit;
 - 1.3 Must possess valid SRB/SIRB or SIB or SID, as case may be; and
 - 1.4 Must have at least six (6) months sea-service for the last five (5) years.
2. **Documentary Requirements:**
 - 2.1 Duly accomplished application form;
 - 2.2 Valid Medical Certificate issued by any DOH accredited hospital, clinic or Rural Health Units.
 - 2.3 Photocopy of pertinent pages of valid SRB/SIRB or SIB and/or Certificate of Sea Service;
 - 2.4 Photocopy of Training Certificates; and
 - 2.6 Duly notarized affidavit of loss or submission of damaged Certificates (if required).
3. **Training Requirements**
 - 3.1. **Deck and Engine Department**
 - 3.1.1 Training Requirements for Boat Master, Boat Mechanic and Boat Crew onboard Motorbanca:

Training Requirements	Boat Master 1&2	Boat Mechanic	Boat Crew
1. Deck Watchkeeping in the Domestic Trade	√ (as required)	√ (as required)	√
2. Engine Watchkeeping in the Domestic Trade	√ (as required)	√ (as required)	√
3. Crowd and Crisis Management for Personnel Serving Onboard Domestic Passenger Ships (as applicable)	√	√	√
4. Maritime Laws	√ (as required)	√ (as required)	√

VII. FEES

The issuance of DCOP-M under this Circular is One Hundred Fifty Pesos (P150.00) and the Certificate of Exemption is One Hundred Pesos (P100.00).

VIII. FINES AND PENALTIES

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

IX. VALIDITY

The DCOP-M shall be valid for 5 years from the date of issuance.

X. TRANSITORY PROVISION

All Certificate of Marine Profession (CMP) issued under MC 2012-03 shall be the basis in application for DCOP-M provided that they are qualified to the position being applied for.

Likewise, issued D-COC under MC 2012-04 shall remain valid until its expiration and holders of D-COC have the option to apply for issuance of the DCOP-M provided the requirements prescribed under this Circular are complied.

All seafarers covered must comply within one (1) year after effectivity of this Circular.

XI. REPEALING CLAUSE

MARINA Memorandum Circulars, MARINA Advisories, and any relevant issuances that may be inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed and amended accordingly.

XII. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE

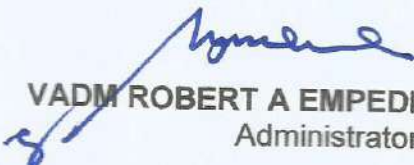
Should any part of this Circular be declared by competent authority to be invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions or parts hereof shall remain valid and effective.

XIII. EFFECTIVITY

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

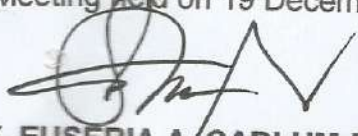
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BY AUTHORITY OF THE BOARD:


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SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the Memorandum Circular No. MD-2020-08 has been approved by the MARINA Board during its 273rd Regular Board Meeting held on 19 December 2019.


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