



MARINA ADVISORY NO. 2021- 54

Series of 2021

TO : ALL SEAFARERS, LICENSED MANNING AGENCIES (LMAs), MARITIME TRAINING INSTITUTIONS (MTIs), ASSESSMENT CENTERS (ACs), STAKEHOLDERS, AND ALL CONCERNED

SUBJECT: GUIDELINES ON STCW RELATED ACTIVITIES DURING THE GENERAL COMMUNITY QUARANTINE (GCQ) WITH ALERT LEVEL 4 FROM 16 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

DATE : SEP 17 2021

In view of the declaration of **Alert Level 4** in Metro Manila for the period **16 - 30 September 2021** by the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID) which ratified the "GUIDELINES ON THE PILOT IMPLEMENTATION OF ALERT LEVELS SYSTEM FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION", the following guidelines are hereby implemented for the issuance of STCW certificates, conduct of trainings, examination and assessments:

I. ISSUANCE OF STCW RELATED CERTIFICATES

1. Expedite applications for COC/COP of seafarers will continue to be processed at the MARINA Central Office, Port Area, Manila. Only those seafarers **with complete expedite requirements** (including **verifiable flight ticket within two days from date of application**) will be processed.
2. All three (3) MARINA Satellite Offices in Metro Manila, namely, **SM-Manila, PITX and Marino Action Center**, will continue to process STCW Certificates and will be open to serve seafarer-applicants and all concerned during Alert Level 4.

While inside the MARINA premises, strict implementation of physical distancing and wearing of face masks and face shields shall be observed. Tagging along of companions by the seafarer-applicants are likewise strictly prohibited to avoid crowding.

II. CONDUCT OF TRAINING, EXAMINATIONS AND ASSESSMENTS

1. The conduct of all MARINA-accredited maritime training courses, as well as practical assessments, in the areas under Alert Level 4, may continue subject to compliance with MARINA Advisory No. 2021-48, series of 2021.
2. The Theoretical Examinations starting September 16, 2021 at the MARINA Central Office, Port Area Manila, will push through as scheduled.

Online & Final Evaluations for Theoretical Examination will still continue, as scheduled and no personal appearance is needed at the MARINA Central Office.

3. All Assessment Centers may continue to conduct their operations starting September 16, 2021 in accordance with their Post-ECQ Plan.

For clarifications, you may send an email at sctwo_ead@marina.gov.ph or call at (02) 8526 1049.


III. PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

All stakeholders are enjoined to report to the Surveillance Division, STCW Office with email address, stcw_surveillance@marina.gov.ph or stcw_sd@mail.marina.gov.ph those institutions who failed to comply with this Advisory.

Inquiries and concerns of seafarers and maritime institution/s can be lodged via the following email addresses:

contactcenter@marina.gov.ph
stcw_cert@marina.gov.ph
stcw_accre@marina.gov.ph
sctwo_ead@marina.gov.ph

For the information and guidance of all concerned.


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