



MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY

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

SUBJECT: GUIDELINES ON THE ISSUANCE OF STCW RELATED CERTIFICATES, CONDUCT OF TRAINING, EXAMINATION AND ASSESSMENT IN ACCORDANCE TO RESOLUTION NO. 147 SERIES OF 2021 BY THE INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCE (IATF) FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF EMERGING INFECTIOUS DISEASES (MEID)

DATE :

In view of the declaration of **Alert Level 2** in the National Capital Region for the period **05 November to 21 November 2021** by the IATF-MEID and amendment on the Guidelines on the Implementation of Alert Levels Systems for COVID-19 Response in Pilot Areas with reference to the IATF Resolution No. 147 series of 2021 dated 04 November 2021, the following guidelines are hereby implemented for the issuance of STCW certificates, conduct of training, examination and assessment:

A. 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 2**.

While inside the MARINA premises, strict implementation of physical distancing and wearing of face masks shall be observed. Tagging along of companions by the seafarer-applicants are **not advised** to avoid crowding.

B. CONDUCT OF TRAINING, EXAMINATION AND ASSESSMENT

1. The conduct of MARINA-approved maritime training courses by MTIs and practical assessment by accredited ACs through face-to-face in the areas under **Alert Level 2** may now be resumed. The said institutions may now operate at **100% maximum intake capacity** provided that all trainees/candidates are fully vaccinated and provided further that safety protocols imposed by respective LGUs shall be observed.
2. The conduct of MARINA-approved maritime training courses by MTIs and practical assessment by accredited ACs through face-to-face in the areas under **Alert Level 3** may now be resumed. The said institutions may now operate at **70% intake capacity** provided that all trainees/candidates are fully vaccinated and provided further that safety protocols imposed by respective LGUs shall be observed.
3. The Theoretical Examinations 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.

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

C. 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, maritime training institutions and assessment centers 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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