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First-time bearers of seaman's book can have their Seafarer's Record Book (SRB) without any cost starting 07 February 2022, the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) announced.

The move, through the directive of Department of Transportation (DOTr) Secretary Arthur P. Tugade, granted that first issuance SRBs will be free for seafarers, while a 50% markdown fee for those renewal or re-issuances.

Secretary Tugade shared that during his meeting with President Rodrigo Roa Duterte last 24 January 2022, he reported that the MARINA Board has approved the decision to offer this kind of aid to Filipino seafarers.

"Kasama po sa aking ini-report sa Pangulo na kahapon po ay inaprubahan ng MARINA Board na gawing libre ang pagkuha ng Seaman's Book para sa ating mga kababayang seafarer na kukuha nito sa unang pagkakataon. Ang halaga nito dati ay nasa P1,000 to P1,800— LIBRE na 'ho 'yun," Secretary Tugade stated.

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MARINA GRANTS FREE SRB IN FIRST ISSUANCE; 50% DISCOUNT FOR SEAMAN'S BOOK RENEWAL OR RE-ISSUANCE

During its 290th meeting held on 24 January 2022, the Maritime Industry Board, shall implement guidelines relating to the cost of the issuance and/or renewal/reissuance of SRB/Seafarers Identification and Record Book while the country is under the state of public health emergency.

The guidelines relative to this development is elaborated under MARINA Advisory 2022-06, with a subject, "Cost of Issuance of Seafarer's Record Book (SRB)."

Through this Advisory, the Agency will give the SRB at no cost to the applicant who has never been issued a seaman's book or SIRB previously.

Subsequently, Sec. Tugade also announced that the MARINA Board acceded to a 50% discount on the cost of expiring or expired seaman's book (SRB) renewal or re-issuance of lost or damaged SIRB/SRB booklet until December 2022. This is to aid the seafarers during this time of pandemic and to expand accessibility to the services of MARINA.

"Ito 'ho ang tulong natin sa seafarers, ito 'ho ang isang tulong natin sa ating mga bayani habang may pandemya," Secretary Tugade said.

All SRB applications shall be filed through the MARINA SRB/SID Online Appointment System (OAS) at <https://sidsrb.marina.gov.ph>. The issued SRB will be valid for ten (10) years from its date of issuance to the seafarer applicant.

Last October 2019, the MARINA also approved free applications for Certificate of Proficiency in Basic Training (COP BT) and Certificate of Proficiency in Ship Security Awareness Training and Seafarers with Designated Security Duties (COP SDSD) for first-time job seekers through MARINA Memorandum Circular No. SC-2019-02.

In the interest of service and in line with the policy of the State, the Agency will continue to proactively seek ways to mitigate the ill-effects of the COVID-19 pandemic to the seafaring community and the maritime industry.

MARINA: STCW CERTS NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE



Seafarers line up to process their STCW certificates at the 2nd floor of the MARINA Central Office

Filipino seafarers can now have their Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping (STCW) certificates released online, this as the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) has commenced the digital issuance of said certificates on 15 February 2022.

MARINA Administrator VADM Robert A Empedrad AFP (Ret) said that seafarers do not need to claim physically at the MARINA their STCW certificates anymore, particularly Certificates of Proficiency (COPs) and Certificates of Competency (COCs), as they will be sent to their respective MISMO Accounts. These certificates have QR codes and they could easily be verified online.

Pursuant to MARINA Advisory 2022-08, here are the additional guidelines on the application and issuance of STCW Certificates:

Effective 15 February 2022, approved applications for the issuance of STCW certificates will be released through MISMO accounts of seafarers after receipt of corresponding payment of fees.

These certificates can be printed on an A4 size

bond paper. There is no need to affix the dry seal of the MARINA.

Each COP or COC issuance shall be designated with a unique QR Code. Verification as to their authenticity may be done through the MARINA verification portal. Verifiers only need to input the serial number of the said certificate.

Guidelines for the verification of the authenticity of STCW issued certificates are spelled out in MARINA Advisory No. 2021-65.

Meanwhile, effective 01 April 2022, personal appearance for regular application for the issuance of COPs and COCs is not required anymore, except on instances where submitted documents need to be clarified and the processing of Expedite Applications.

STCWO Executive Director VADM Rene V Medina AFP (Ret) said that these developments are MARINA's little gesture of allowing our seafarers have more time to spend their short vacation ashore with their loved ones.

CSC AWARDS MARINA THE PRIME-HRM BRONZE AWARD

The Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) has received a Program to Institutionalize Meritocracy and Excellence in Human Resource Management (PRIME-HRM) Bronze Award from the Civil Service Commission (CSC), which was promulgated last 26 January 2022.

Based on the validation conducted by the Human Resource Policies and Standards Office (HRPSO) of the CSC, the MARINA was confirmed to have met the PRIME-HRM Level 2-Maturity Indicators of all the four (4) core HRM systems and was found to have observed Civil Service Law and rules on the issuance of appointments and other HR programs, and has maintained its HR records management.

The MARINA was recommended to receive the award in recognition of its excellence in four (4) core human resource management (HRM) systems, practices and competencies, namely: Recruitment, Selection and Placement; Performance Management; Learning and Development; and Rewards and Recognition.

"The MARINA was also found to be compliant with the Civil Service Law and rules in terms of the implementation of the other HR programs and the maintenance of HR record," CSC stated in its Resolution No. 2200155.

With this award, MARINA Management, Financial and Administrative Service (MFAS) Director Nenita S. Atienza expressed her appreciation to the CSC for the award and for the Agency being recognized for its relentless efforts in terms of human resource management.

"The MARINA remains committed in upholding its excellent and established HRM systems, competencies and practices for it to be able to consistently provide quality service to the whole maritime sector," Director Atienza said.

For his part, MARINA Administrator Vice Admiral Robert A. Empedrad AFP (Ret) stated that the efforts being exerted by the Agency is not only for the institution, but also for the Philippine maritime industry.

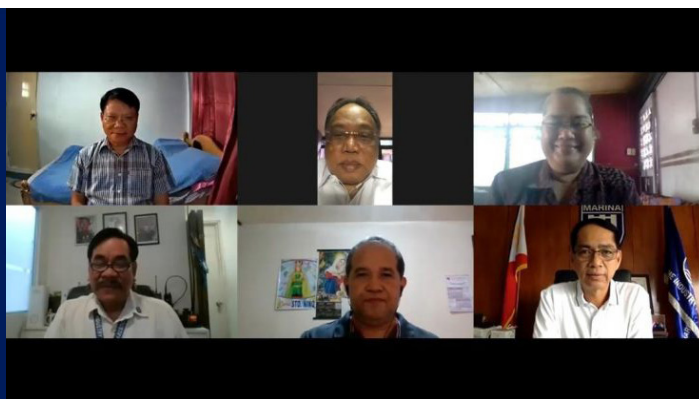
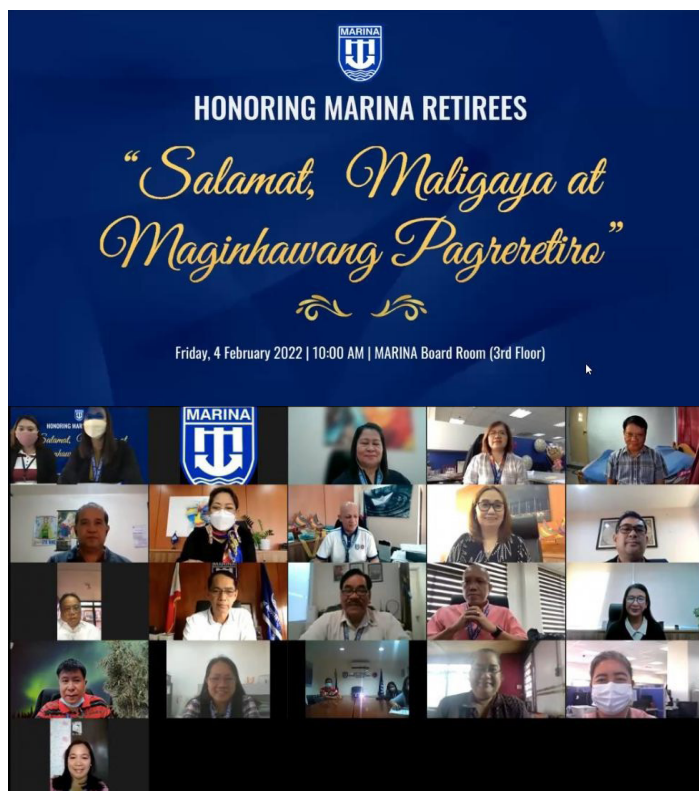


"Being an Agency recognized by the CSC is a testament of having an exceptional human resource management. Rest assured that the MARINA, through its human capacity building and organizational development program, will continue to put its best efforts to transform itself into a high performing organization responsive to its mandates and objectives while promoting its credibility and integrity," Administrator Empedrad said.



PRIME-HRM strategically aligns government agencies' operations in achieving their mandates, vision and mission; empowers the agencies in the performance of human resource management functions; and provides a venue for the exchange and development of expertise in the area of HR among government offices. It also aims to successfully transform the agencies' HRM systems, competencies and practices to elevate public sector HR to a level of excellence for good governance and for efficient and effective public service delivery.

MARINA HONORS 9 OF ITS RETIRING OFFICIALS, EMPLOYEES



The Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) paid a tribute to its nine retiring officials, and employees on 04 February 2022 via videoconference.

Entitled "Salamat, Maligaya at Maginhawang Pagreretiro," the virtual ceremony featured nine (9) retirees, consisting of Mr. Roberto C. Arceo, Atty. Virgilio B. Calag, Ms. Josefina B. Gisala, Ms. Minerva M. Alda, Mr. Ermito P. Narral Jr., Mr. Arnle F. Santiago, Ms. Gina S. Felismonte, Mr. Armando G. Cayabyab, and Mr. Ronico G. Beringuel, who all have been with the MARINA for more than a decade – with majority of them worked in the Agency for more than three (3) decades.

MARINA Management, Financial and Administrative Service (MFAS) Director Nenita S. Atienza delivered her message for the retirees, congratulating them for the job well done and stating that retirement, which is a big decision, is a new stage of life that creates new opportunities of time spent and purpose.

For his part, MARINA Administrator Vice Admiral Robert A. Empedrad AFP (Ret) expressed his appreciation for the retirees by naming them one-by-

MARINA Administrator Vice Admiral Robert A. Empedrad, together with Management, Financial and Administrative Service (MFAS) Director Nenita S. Atienza, lead the tribute to the retiring officials and employees

one, delivering his message for all of them individually. "You all became good and public servants. You have been very faithful in your job kaya kayo bibigyan ngayon ng honor ng ating Organization because of your excellent service," Administrator Empedrad emphasized.

Administrator also said that the retirees, who will take their final bow in serving the country through the MARINA, will have their retirement as fruit of their labor and the conclusion of a lifetime of their daily working routine.

MARINA-STCW DEPLOYS MCAS 2.0

The Maritime Industry Authority Standards of Training, Certification, and Watchkeeping Office (MARINA-STCW) conducted the deployment of MARINA Competency Assessment System (MCAS) v2.0 in MARINA Regional Office VII (MRO 7) last 31 January to 01 February 2022.

Teams from Examination and Assessment Division (EAD), and Information and Communication Technology Division (ICTMD) led the orientation on the new MCAS version, as well as the discussions on ways to navigate the

agency's very own Competency Review Portal (CRP).

The CRP supports aspiring seafarers in their preparation for the Theoretical Examination for Merchant Marine Officers.

The move was spearheaded by STCW Executive Director VADM Rene V Medina AFP (Ret), Board of Marine Deck Officer - Capt. Danilo G. Arevalo, Board of Marine Engine Officer –C/E Reynaldo S. Rabino and OIC of EAD – Ms. Louella B. Areglo.



The MARINA STCW Office, together with MARINA Regional Office VII (MRO 7), during the deployment of MARINA Competency Assessment System (MCAS) v2.0..

MARINA LIFTS 90 CALENDAR DAYS HALT FOR COA APPLICATION

The Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) has lifted for ninety (90) calendar days the moratorium for the application of Certificate of Accreditation (COA) as Local Classification Society under the MARINA Circular No. MS-2020-01.

The directive is in pursuant to MARINA Advisory No. 2021-08, covering the period from 09 February to 10 May 2022.

All interested parties may submit their applications and ensure full compliance to all the requirements under MC No. MS-2020-01 within the above-prescribed period.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC



In the best interest of the service and pursuant to MARINA Advisory No. 2021-08, the moratorium for the application of Certificate of Accreditation (COA) as Local Classification Society under the MARINA Circular No. MS-2020-01 is hereby **LIFTED for ninety (90) calendar days**, covering the period from 09 February 2022 to 10 May 2022.

All interested parties may submit their applications and ensure full compliance to all the requirements under MC No. MS-2020-01 within the above-prescribed period.

Pursuant to MARINA Advisory No. 2022-09

NEW PANEL OF EXAMINERS SWORN BEFORE MARINA

Eight newly appointed Panel of Examiners for Certificate of Marine Profession and Harbor Pilot Licensure Examination took oath before officers of the Maritime Industry Authority - Manpower Development Service (MARINA-MDS) last 09 February 2022 at the agency's Central Office.

Director Sonia B. Malaluan, Director II of MDS and Officer-In-Charge, Deputy Administrator for Planning, administered the Oath Taking for the two (2) newly appointed Panel of Examiners for Deck Department, three (3) for Engine Department and one (1) newly appointed for Harbor Pilot.

Deck Department:

1. Capt. Liberato P. Ambon
2. Capt. James F. Serdoncillo
3. Capt. Peregrino L. Reponte, Jr.
4. Capt. Rodel V. Mangaba

Engine Department:

1. C/E Lowel J. Aleganza
2. C/E Aquilino A. Vinculado

Harbor Pilot:

1. Capt. James F. Serdoncillo
2. Capt. Herbert D. Delos Santos, Jr.

The appointment of the new Panel of Examiners commences on 24 January 2022 and will end on 23 January 2024.



Director Sonia B. Malaluan, Director II of MDS and Officer-In-Charge, Deputy Administrator for Planning, administers the Oath Taking for the newly appointed Panel of Examiners at the MARINA Central Office.

MARINA-OSS SPEARHEADS FIRST ICCFRAIMC DISCUSSION

The Maritime Industry Authority Overseas Shipping Service (MARINA-OSS) convened the first Inter-Agency Coordinating Committee to Facilitate the Ratification and Accession to and Implementation of Maritime Conventions (ICCFRAIMC) on 23 February 2022 held via videoconferencing.

During the pilot committee meeting, Undersecretary for Maritime of the Department of Transportation (DOTr), ADM George V Ursabia Jr, spearheaded the discussion wherein the body provided a brief background about ICCFRAIMC, as well as updates on the identified IMO Conventions for ratification and accession of the Philippine maritime administration.

The Committee also discussed the status of the House Bill entitled, "An Act Providing for the Full

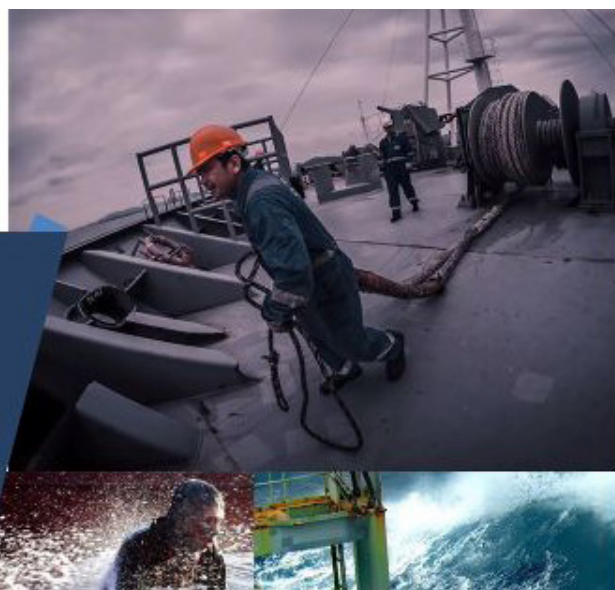
and Effective Implementation and Enforcement of International Maritime Instruments to which the Philippines is a State Party", draft Executive Order on the draft Ship Registry Bill, and draft Executive Order for International Maritime Solid Bulk Cargoes (IMSBC Code).

The first ICCFRAIMC Meeting was attended by the representatives from the DOTr, MARINA, Philippine Coast Guard (PCG), Philippine Ports Authority (PPA), Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority (SBMA), Cebu Port Authority (CPA), Department of Agriculture-Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (DA-BFAR), Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), DENR-Biodiversity Management Bureau (DENR-BMB), and University of the Philippines-Institute of Environmental Science and Meteorology (UP-IESM).



A. Briefer to ICCFRAIMC

For information



Through video conferencing, representatives from various government agencies participate in first Inter-Agency Coordinating Committee to Facilitate the Ratification and Accession to and Implementation of Maritime Conventions (ICCFRAIMC).