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MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY

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TO : ALL SEAFARERS, MARITIME TRAINING INSTITUTIONS (MTIs), MANNING AGENCIES, SHIPPING COMPANIES AND OTHER MARITIME INDUSTRY STAKEHOLDERS CONCERNED

SUBJECT : GUIDELINES ON THE ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATION FOR THE UPDATING TRAINING ON BASIC TRAINING - PERSONAL SAFETY AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES (BT-PSSR) AND REVISED BASIC TRAINING

Pursuant to Republic Act No. 10635, its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) and existing MARINA policies governing the processing and issuance of STCW certificates in compliance to the STCW Convention 1978, as amended, and to the latest amendments to Table A-VI/1-4 (Specification of minimum standard of competence in Personal Safety and Social Responsibilities), Section A-VI/1, Part A of the STCW Code, adopted under Resolution MSC.560(108) by the Maritime Safety Committee of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) on 23 May 2024, notice is hereby given on the processing and issuance of certification for the following courses:

- a. **Updating Training on Basic Training – Personal Safety and Social Responsibilities (BT-PSSR); and**
- b. **Revised Basic Training (BT).**

Specifically, the following guidelines shall be implemented to ensure smooth transition:

1. **Seafarers who have completed the BT course but have not applied for corresponding COP shall be required to undertake the Updating Training on BT-PSSR or the Revised BT, as applicable, prior to application for certification.**
2. **Seafarers holding valid COP in BT issued prior to 01 November 2025, are required to undergo the Updating Training on the BT-PSSR, specifically:**
 - 2.1. **Holders of COP in BT with less than two (2) years validity, may apply for its revalidation subject to compliance with the requirements for revalidation under MC-SC-2021-04 or its subsequent revisions AND shall take the Updating Training on BT-PSSR.**

- 2.2. Holders of **COP in BT with two (2) years validity or more**, may continue to use their valid COP in BT until its expiry. However, they shall be required to carry with them the Certificate of Training Completion for the Updating Training on BT-PSSR.
3. Seafarers **who are on-board vessels** prior to the effectivity of this Advisory, **shall be required** to undergo the Updating Training on BT-PSSR before their next embarkation **OR** prior to their application for the revalidation of their COP in BT.
 4. Seafarers holding **expired COP in BT** or those **who are first time applicants for COP in BT** shall be required to undergo the Revised BT for purposes of issuance of the corresponding COP.
 5. Upon effectivity of this Advisory, Licensed Manning Agencies and Shipping Companies are enjoined to ensure that all seafarers deployed to their vessels have completed the required Updating Training on BT-PSSR and holders of valid COP in BT.
 6. Effective **01 January 2026**, Updating Training on BT-PSSR or the Revised BT shall be mandatory to all seafarers joining seagoing vessels.

For guidance and strict compliance of all concerned.


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