



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY

**MARINA ADVISORY NO. 2025-39**

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**TO :** ALL MARITIME HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS (MHEIs),  
MARITIME STUDENTS/CADETS, SEAFARERS, SHIPPING  
COMPANIES, CREWING AGENCIES, AND ALL OTHER  
CONCERNED

**SUBJECT :** TRANSITORY GUIDELINES ON JURISDICTION OF MARITIME  
INDUSTRY AUTHORITY OVER MARITIME EDUCATION  
PURSUANT TO REPUBLIC ACT NO. 12021

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Pursuant to Republic Act No. 12021, or the Magna Carta of Filipino Seafarers, and its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR), the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) has been granted jurisdiction over Maritime Education and Training (MET) in the Philippines. As part of its now expanded mandate under Section 75, Chapter XVIII of the RA No. 12021, MARINA shall, in consultation with the Commission on Higher Education and other concerned agencies, assume and perform functions related to MET in accordance with the STCW Convention, 1978, as amended.

To ensure a seamless transfer of all MET-related functions, MARINA and CHED shall implement a transition process as follows:

1. *Offering of BSMT and BSMarE Programs*

- 1.1 MHEIs shall continue to deliver the BSMT and BSMarE programs in accordance with the Policies, Standards and Guidelines (PSG) under the Joint CHED-MARINA Memorandum Circular No. 01, series of 2023 and its annexes until such time that new PSG are issued by MARINA;
- 1.2 Accepting and processing of applications for issuance of Certification, Authentication, and Verification (CAV) and issuance of Special Order (SO) to BSMT and BSMarE students shall be assumed by MARINA starting 01 January 2026;

2. *Application to offer BSMT and/or BSMarE Programs*

- 2.1 The policy on "Moratorium on the Opening of New Bachelor of Science in Marine Transportation and Bachelor of Science in Marine Engineering Programs" (CMO No. 12, series of 2022) shall continue to take effect until such time it is repealed by MARINA issuances;
- 2.2 Those MHEIs who are issued with authority to operate the BSMT and BSMarE programs for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year levels shall file their applications for 3<sup>rd</sup> year permit and/or program recognition in accordance with JCMC No. 02 series of 2023.

Applications shall be submitted online to the Office of the Executive Director, MARINA STCW Office via the official email address: [maritime.education@mail.marina.gov.ph](mailto:maritime.education@mail.marina.gov.ph), attached with the cloud-based storage (e.g. Google Drive, Dropbox, etc.) containing electronic copies of documentary requirements.

### 3. *Conduct of Monitoring of BSMT and BSMarE Programs*

- 3.1 Monitoring activities for the Approved Monitoring program for CY 2025 shall be conducted jointly by MARINA and CHED. All applicable guidelines and procedures under JCMMC No. 03, s. 2023 shall remain in effect;
- 3.2 The processing of monitoring results shall be in accordance with the following procedures:
  - 3.2.1 *documented in the Monitoring Finding and Corrective Action Report (MFCAR);*
  - 3.2.2 *formally communicated to the concerned MHEIs through a letter, with the MFCARs as attachments;*
  - 3.2.3 *the MHEIs submits the corresponding correction, root-cause analysis, and corrective actions within 10 working days to MARINA; and*
  - 3.2.4 *subjected to a follow-up monitoring to verify that corrections and corrective actions were implemented to address the noted findings.*

### 4. *Grant of scholarships and other incentives*

- 4.1 Maritime students may continue to apply for and benefit from existing CHED scholarship grants/programs in accordance with RA No. 10931, otherwise known as the "Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Act," and other relevant laws and regulations. MARINA will issue further guidelines once the scholarship administration is confirmed by relevant agencies
- 4.2 MHEIs may likewise continue availing with CHED the incentives and benefits associated with program accreditation, as well as autonomous and deregulated status, without prejudice to existing or future MARINA policy issuances; and

### 5. *Other matters*

- 5.1 CHED shall administer the National Merchant Marine Aptitude Test (NaMMAT) for AY 2025-2026. Subsequently, MARINA shall assume full responsibility for its implementation starting AY 2026-2027.

The subsidiary legislations (*rules and regulations*) mandated by the IRR of RA 12021 will be issued by MARINA in consultation with the CHED and maritime stakeholders.

All concerned maritime stakeholders shall adhere to this Advisory until further issuance from the Administration.

For information and guidance.

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