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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY

# **MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY (MARINA)**

## **2026 ANNUAL REGULATORY PLAN**



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## ANNUAL REGULATORY PLAN SUMMARY

<b>AGENCY NAME:</b>	<b>MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY (MARINA)</b>
<b>SECTORS REGULATED</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Domestic Shipping</li> <li>• Overseas Shipping</li> <li>• Ship Building and Ship Repair Sector</li> <li>• Manpower Development Sector</li> </ul>
<b>AGENCY MANDATES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presidential Decree No. 474</li> <li>• Executive Order No. 546</li> <li>• Executive Order No. 1011</li> <li>• Republic Act No. 9295 and its IRR</li> <li>• Executive Order No. 75</li> <li>• Republic Act No. 10635 and its IRR</li> <li>• Executive Order No. 63</li> </ul> <p><i>*For the full narratives of the Agency's mandates, please refer to this link: <a href="https://marina.gov.ph/about/">https://marina.gov.ph/about/</a></i></p>
<b>SERVICE UNITS RESPONSIBLE FOR CRAFTING POLICIES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Domestic Shipping Service (DSS)</li> <li>B. Franchising Service (FS)</li> <li>C. Legal Service (LS)</li> <li>D. Manpower Development Service (MDS)</li> <li>E. Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping Office (STCWO)</li> </ul>

### A. FRANCHISING SERVICE

SECTOR	LEGAL BASIS	ROLE / RESPONSIBILITY OF THE REGULATING AGENCY TO THE REGULATED SECTOR
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Domestic Shipping Sector</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Executive Order No. 125 &amp; 125-A</li> <li>• Executive Order No. 1011</li> <li>• Republic Act No. 9295 and its IRR</li> <li>• Republic Act No. 11659 and its IRR</li> <li>• Republic Act No. 11032 and its IRR</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prescribe a set of regulations for the registration, licensing, and operation 18 of recreational vessels;</li> <li>• Ensure the safe, secure, and environmentally sound operation of recreational vessels in accordance with applicable national and international standards; and</li> <li>• Enhance and strengthen inspection, enforcement, and compliance monitoring for recreational vessels.</li> </ul> <p><i>Note: For Regulation No. 1</i></p>

## B. LEGAL SERVICE

SECTOR	LEGAL BASIS	ROLE / RESPONSIBILITY OF THE REGULATING AGENCY TO THE REGULATED SECTOR
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Domestic Shipping Sector</li> <li>• Ship Building and Ship Repair Sector</li> <li>• Manpower Development Sector</li> <li>• Overseas Shipping Sector</li> <li>• Such Other Maritime Enterprises</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PD 474</li> <li>• EO No. 25</li> <li>• EO No. 25-A</li> <li>• RA NO. 9295 and its IRR</li> <li>• RA NO. 10635 and its IRR</li> <li>• RA NO. 10706 and its IRR</li> <li>• RA No. 11659 and its IRR</li> <li>• MARINA MC No. 120</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide a rationalized and comprehensive schedule of administrative sanctions, fines and penalties for maritime violations committed by shipowners/operators, shipyards, boatbuilders, seafarers, and other maritime enterprises or entities with an aim to secure high level of compliance from the Maritime Stakeholders with Safety Standards, Rules and Regulations and such other policies;</li> <li>• Ensure compliance by all individuals or entities involved in the maritime industry; and</li> <li>• Promote maritime safety, security and protection of the marine environment through compliance with existing laws, rules and regulations.</li> </ul> <p><i>Note: For Regulation No. 2</i></p>

## C. STANDARDS OF TRAINING, CERTIFICATION AND WATCHKEEPING OFFICE (STCW)

SECTOR	LEGAL BASIS	ROLE / RESPONSIBILITY OF THE REGULATING AGENCY TO THE REGULATED SECTOR
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Manpower Development Sector</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PD 474</li> <li>• RA 10635 and its IRR</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide a long-term, coherent direction for strengthening maritime education, training, assessment, and certification in the Philippines, with the goal of sustaining the global competitiveness of Filipino seafarers and ensuring responsiveness to evolving industry demands;</li> <li>• Promote mobility, quality assurance, and compliance with STCW Convention and the PQF through harmonized policies, credit transfer, Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL), and coordinated regulation; and</li> <li>• Support lifelong learning, career progression, and industry responsiveness by fostering continuous skills upgrading, innovation, and alignment with emerging technologies and future maritime trends</li> </ul> <p><i>Note: For Regulation No. 3</i></p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Republic Act No. 12021 and its IRR</li> <li>• Republic Act No. 7722 and its IRR</li> <li>• Republic Act No. 10968 and its IRR</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approves Maritime Education and Training programs for prospective seafarers that are structured in accordance with written programs, including such methods and media of delivery, procedures, and course materials as are necessary to achieve the prescribed standards of competence;</li> </ul>



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Provides curriculum structures that support various learning and certification pathways, continuing education, and innovation in pedagogy;</li> <li>● Provides a standard framework for curriculum developers, educators, and institutions in structuring programs aligned with national development goals, labor market needs, and global trends, ensuring the integration of 21st-century skills, sustainability, digital literacy, and inclusivity;</li> <li>● Forms the basis for program approval, monitoring, and quality assurance processes;</li> <li>● Supports student mobility across education and training programs and between institutions through credit transfer and facilitates the mutual recognition of qualifications locally and internationally; and</li> <li>● Makes institutional commitments to quality and learning outcomes clear to students, parents, employers, and other stakeholders.</li> </ul> <p><i>Note: For Regulation No. 4</i></p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Executive Order (EO) No. 63 and its IRR</li> <li>● RA No. 12021 and its IRR</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Prescribe rules and regulations on the monitoring of BSMT and BSMarE programs being delivered by recognized MHEIs;</li> <li>● Implement the requirements under Regulation I/6 "Training and Assessment" and Regulation I/8 "Quality Standards" of the STCW Convention, 1978, as amended, on the monitoring of approved education and training for seafarers, among others; and</li> <li>● Ensure compliance of recognized MHEIs delivering the BSMT and/or BSMarE programs with the requirements of the STCW Convention, 1978, as amended, and with the existing Philippine laws, rules and regulations.</li> </ul> <p><i>Note: For Regulation No. 5</i></p>



#### D. MANPOWER DEVELOPMENT SERVICE (MDS)

SECTOR	LEGAL BASIS	ROLE / RESPONSIBILITY OF THE REGULATING AGENCY TO THE REGULATED SECTOR
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Manpower Development Sector</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Republic Act No. 12021 and its IRR</li> <li>● Philippine Merchant Marine Rules and Regulations (PMMRR) of 1997, as amended</li> <li>● Philippine Fishing Vessels Safety Rules and Regulations (PFVSRR) of 2018</li> <li>● Philippine Ships Safety Rules and Regulations (PSSRR) of 2021</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Enhance and rationalize the assessment of competence of officers onboard Philippine-registered vessels/ships operating in Philippine waters;</li> <li>● Ensure that all MAP, MIP, BCs, MDMs, and MTM performing duties and responsibilities including watchkeeping onboard Philippine-registered vessels/ships operating in Philippine waters, are trained and assessed to meet the required competence;</li> <li>● Ensure and promote health, safety of life, security, and protection of the marine environment, and property by capacitating the domestic seafarers through training and assessment; and</li> <li>● Raise the level of standard of competence of Filipino seafarers in the domestic trade</li> </ul> <p><i>Note: For Regulation No. 6</i></p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Republic Act No. 12021 and its IRR</li> <li>● Memorandum Circular No. 2012-04</li> <li>● Memorandum Circular No. MD-2020-04</li> <li>● Memorandum Circular No. MD-2023-01</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Align guidelines with regulatory frameworks, particularly the policy governing the Minimum Safe Manning requirements, to support the objective of increasing the number of qualified Officers onboard Philippine-registered ships of more than 500 gross tonnage (GT) operating in Philippine waters, thereby ensuring a sustainable pool of competent Officers for domestic trade;</li> <li>● Reduce the processing time for the issuance and reissuance of certificates, leveraging digital platforms to facilitate faster and more transparent procedures;</li> <li>● Ensure accountability through the imposition of appropriate administrative penalties and sanctions; and</li> <li>● Ensure that all Officers and Ratings onboard Philippine-registered ships operating in Philippine waters are qualified and properly certificated to guarantee safe ship operations, and safety of life and property at sea, and the protection of the marine environment.</li> </ul> <p><i>Note: For Regulation No. 7</i></p>



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## E. DOMESTIC SHIPPING SERVICE

SECTOR	LEGAL BASIS	ROLE / RESPONSIBILITY OF THE REGULATING AGENCY TO THE REGULATED SECTOR
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Domestic Shipping Sector</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>PD 474</li><li>RA 9295 and its IRR</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Promote digital transformation and operational efficiency in the maritime transport passenger sector by requiring the adoption of secure, interoperable, and user-friendly online ticketing platforms;</li><li>Enhance transparency, accountability, and customer service in ticketing operations to prevent overbooking, ticket scalping, and fraudulent transactions;</li><li>Attain advanced, inclusive, and fair access to maritime transport services by ensuring that all SOTS platforms are accessible to all passengers; and</li><li>Ensure the safety, convenience, and comfort of passengers by enabling pre-booking, real-time capacity monitoring, and digital generation of passenger manifests for emergency response.</li></ul> <p><i>Note: For Regulation No. 8</i></p>



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## SUMMARY OF REGULATORY ACTIONS PLANNED FOR 2026

No.	Regulation	Regulation Owner
1	Omnibus Rules and Regulations on Acquisition, Construction and Operation of the Recreational Vessel	Franchising Service (FS)
2	Revised Schedule of Administrative Fines and Penalties for Violation of MARINA Rules and Regulations	Legal Service (LS)
3	Policies, Standards and Guidelines for the Implementation of the Ladderized Maritime Education and Training (LMET) Program	Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping Office (STCWO)
4	Policies, Standards, and Guidelines for the Bachelor of Science in Maritime Transportation and Bachelor of Science in Marine Engineering Programmes	
5	Rules and Regulations in the Conduct of Monitoring of Bachelor of Science in Marine Transportation and Bachelor of Science in Marine Engineering Programs Delivered by Recognized Maritime Higher Education Institutions	
6	Policies, Standards and Guidelines on Licensing of Major Patron, Minor Patron, Boat Captains, Marine Diesel Mechanics and Motorman (Revised MC MD-2023-01)	Manpower Development Service (MDS)
7	Revised Rules and Regulations in the Issuance of DCOC for Officers and Ratings Onboard Philippine-Registered Ships Operating in Philippine Waters	
8	Rules and Regulations on the Mandatory Implementation of Ship Online Ticketing System (SOTS) for Inter-island Passenger Ships Operating in Major Routes of the Philippine Nautical Highway System (PNHS)	Domestic Shipping Service (DSS)

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