



MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY

STCW ADVISORY NO. 2016 – 27

TO : ALL SEAFARERS, ASSESSMENT CENTERS, MARITIME TRAINING INSTITUTIONS, MARITIME HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS, SHIPOWNERS, MANNING AGENCIES, OTHER ENTITIES AND INDIVIDUALS CONCERNED

SUBJECT : ADVISORY ON THE CONDUCT OF EXAMINATIONS AND ASSESSMENTS TO QUALIFY FOR THE ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE 2010 MANILA AMENDMENTS TO THE STCW

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to PD 474, Republic Act No. 10635 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR), the Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, as amended in 2010, this Authority hereby adopts the following:

1. STCW Convention require examination and assessment of competence of seafarers to qualify for the issuance of certificates.
2. The examination and assessment of competence for seafarers are mostly delegated by MARINA to duly accredited Assessment Centers (ACs) in which some of them are also accredited Maritime Training Institution (MTI) and Maritime Higher Education Institution (MHEIs) or ACs but engaged as Review Center for seafarers.
3. Under the existing MARINA policies, rules and regulations and the current practice in the examination and assessment of seafarers, ACs who are also accredited MTIs or MHEIs can conduct oral or written examination or practical assessment to their own students. Accordingly, MTIs or MHEIs who are also accredited as ACs and are engaged in the business as Review Center for seafarers can also conduct oral or written examination or practical assessment to their own students.
4. That this practice jeopardizes the integrity and credibility of our examination and assessment system.

Now therefore, this Authority hereby puts into effect the following:

1. All ACs who are also accredited MTIs or MHEIs are prohibited to conduct oral or written examination or practical assessment to their own students. Accordingly, MTIs or MHEIs who are accredited as ACs but engaged in the business as Review Center for seafarers are also prohibited to conduct oral or written examination or practical assessment to their own students to qualify for the issuance of any certificates mandated under the STCW Convention
2. Furthermore, all ACs who are also accredited MTIs or MHEIs offering one or more of the following Approved Training Programs or in case of the latter where the training program is included in the curriculum are prohibited to conduct oral or written examination or practical assessment to their own students for that training program in order to qualify for the issuance of certificates under the STCW Convention:
 - .1 Management Level Course for Marine Deck Officers;
 - .2 Management Level Course Marine Engineer Officers;
 - .3 Updating Operational Level Course part "B" Deck;
 - .4 Updating Operational Level Course part "B" Engine;
 - .5 GMDSS Radio Operator Course
 - .6 Electro-Technical Officers Course
 - .7 Electro-Technical Ratings Course
 - .8 Ratings Forming Part of Navigational Watch
 - .9 Ratings Forming Part of Engine Watch
 - .10 Able Seafarers Deck
 - .11 Able Seafarers Engine
 - .12 Ship Simulator and Bridge Teamwork with Bridge Resource Management;
 - .13 Engine Room Simulator with Engine Room Resource Management; or
 - .14 Any ATPs determined by this Administration which is conflict in the examination and assessment system.
3. MTIs offering ATPs under Regulation VI of the 2010 Manila Amendments to the STCW Convention and are authorized by this Administration to conduct written examination or practical assessment to their own students to qualify for the issuance of certificate under Regulation VI are not covered by this Advisory.
4. All candidates for oral or written examination or practical assessment shall register to Examination and Assessment Division.
5. Any ACs who are found to be in violation of this Advisory shall be penalized in accordance to existing MARINA policies, rules and regulations.

6. For any query or concern on this subject, please email directly to
pid_stcw@marina.gov.ph

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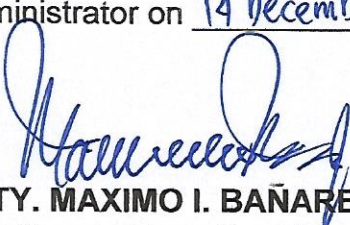

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CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that STCW Advisory No 27 was approved by the
Administrator on 14 December 2016.


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