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**N. T. Wing /EAC Branch – Nautical Circular No. 16 of 2024**

**Sub: Implementation of Revised Procedures for Competency Examinations - reg.**

**1. Background:**

1.1 The Directorate General of Shipping [DGS], Government of India (GOI), has been diligently monitoring the performance of candidates appearing for competency examinations. This includes analyzing the results and obtaining feedback from the examiners to understand both the candidates' performance and the percentage of absenteeism in these examinations.

1.2 Notably, there has been an alarming increase in absenteeism, with approximately 40% of candidates absent from written examinations and 20% from oral examinations. In response to this concern, the Chief Examiner of Master and Mates convened a meeting involving all maritime training institutes conducting Competency Courses, as well as representatives from INSA, MASSA, FOSMA, and both internal and external examiners involved in the written and oral examinations. The objective of this meeting was to identify various remedial measures to improve the performance of candidates and reduce absenteeism in the competency examinations.

**2. Decisions taken:**

Following the discussions held in the aforementioned meeting, the following revised procedures for the competency examinations shall be adopted with immediate effect and until further notice:

- a) Nautical Wing/Examination Circular No. 1 of 2012, which addressed poor performance in competency examinations, is hereby revoked. Consequently, the star system is abolished.

- b) In partial modification of Nautical Wing/Examination Circular No. 13 of 2022, Para 3, fresher candidates are now permitted to book one or more subjects of their choice based on their level of preparedness for the competency examination. The mandatory requirement to book all the subjects/functions during the first attempt in written and oral examinations is discontinued. All other provisions of the said circular will remain in force.
- c) Candidates who book an oral examination but fail to appear for any reason will be required to observe a minimum one-month break before the next attempt.
- d) Repeater candidates are permitted to book one or more written subjects or oral functions of their choice during any attempt. However, candidates who fail the written examination of any function will not be eligible to book the oral examination for the respective function. Candidates will only be allowed to appear for oral examinations if they have booked the corresponding written examination or if its results are still awaited.

**3.** The Candidates appearing for competency examinations, as well as the Mercantile Marine Departments, shall ensure compliance with the revised procedures with immediate effect.

This issues with the approval of the Chief Examiner of Master and Mates.



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