

M.S. Notice 06 of 2004

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Sub: Conversion of Certificate of Service as (Master (FG) to appropriate certificate of competency as Chief Mate (FG) or 2nd Mate (FG) under STCW'95

Preamble: Pursuant to the request of from the Counsel appearing in Transfer Writ Petition No. 728/02 and in answering the query of Hon'ble Supreme Court and in pursuance of the statement made by the Senior Counsel appearing on behalf of the Directorate General of Shipping, this Merchant shipping notice is issued for officers holding Certificate of Service, Master (FG) to obtain appropriate certificate of competency as Chief Mate (FG) or 2nd Mate (FG) under STCW'95.

1. Purpose of the Notice :-

The purpose of the notice is to prescribe the procedure for officers holding Certificate of Service, Master (FG) however sailing in the capacity as Chief Mate/2nd Mate to obtain appropriate certificate of competency as Chief Mate (FG)/ 2nd Mate (FG) as referred in Article VI, Regulation 1/2 of the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watch keeping for Seafarers, 1978 as amended in 1995 (hereafter referred to as STCW '95).

2. Requirements under amended STCW Convention & M.S (STCW) Rules, 1998 :-

STCW 78 Convention was amended in 1995 and M.S (STCW) Rules, 1998 {GSR 191(E) dated 28th April 1998}, were framed their under and are fully implemented w.e.f 1st February 2002. Para 3 of Regulation 1/11 of STCW '95 requires that each party shall compare the standards of competence which it required of candidates for certificates issued before 1st February 2002 with those specified for the appropriate certificate in part A of the STCW Code. These have been incorporated under Rule 11 of M.S (STCW) Rules, 1998 which requires that those who intend to become the holders of COC complying with the requirements of these Rules shall be required to complete approved training and assessment programme prior to issuance of certificate of competency (COC). Such candidate's existing experience, qualifications and certificates shall form the basis for determining qualifying merchant ship sea-going service as per approved training and assessment programme.

3. **Other associated legislation :-**

- (a) The Merchant Shipping (Examination of Master & Mates) Rules, 1985- now repealed.
- (b) The Merchant Shipping (Standards of Training, Certification and Watch-keeping for Seafarers) Rules, 1998.
- (c) The Maritime Education, Training and Assessment Manuals - Volumes I and II.
- (d) Associated Merchant Shipping Notices.

4. **Categories of ex-Naval Officers :-**

For the purpose of determining the appropriate training, education and assessment program, the holders of Certificate of Service as Masters of Foreign-going ships are divided into the following categories :-

- (a) Ex-Naval Officers in possession of Certificate of Service (COS) with minimum 36 months of approved sea-going experience of which atleast 12 months in the capacity as Chief Mate on a trading vessel of 3000 GT or more.
- (b) Ex-Naval Officers in possession of Certificate of Service (COS) with minimum 36 months of approved sea-going experience of which atleast 12 months in the capacity as Chief Mate on a trading vessel of 500 GT or more but less than 3000 GT
- (c) Ex-Naval Officers in possession of Certificate of Service (COS) with approved sea-going experience of 18 months or more but less than 36 months as a watch-keeping officer, of which atleast 6 months in the capacity as Chief Mate on a trading vessel of 3000 GT or more.
- (d) Ex-Naval Officers in possession of Certificate of Service (COS) with approved sea-going experience of 18 months or more but less than 36 months as a watch-keeping officer, of which atleast 6 months in the capacity as Chief Mate on a trading vessel of 500 GT or more but less than 3000 GT .
- (e) Ex-Naval Officers in possession of Certificate of Service (COS) with minimum 12 months of approved sea-going experience in the capacity as Watch-keeping officer on a trading vessel of 3000 GT or more.
- (f) Ex-Naval Officers in possession of Certificate of Service (COS) with minimum 12 months

of approved sea-going experience in the capacity as Watch-keeping officer on a trading vessel of 500 GT or more but less than 3000 GT.

- (g) Ex-Naval Officers in possession of Certificate of Service (COS) with minimum 6 month or more but less than 12 months of approved sea-going experience in the capacity as Watch-keeping officer on a trading vessel of 3000 GT or more.
- (h) Ex-Naval Officers in possession of Certificate of Service (COS) with minimum 6 months or more but less than 12 months of approved sea-going experience in the capacity as Watch-keeping officer on a trading vessel of 500 GT or more but less than 3000 GT.
- (h) Ex-Naval Officers in possession of Certificate of Service (COS) with less than 6 months of approved sea-going experience in the capacity as Watch-keeping officer on a trading vessel of 3000 GT or more.
- (i) Ex-Naval Officers in possession of Certificate of Service (COS) with minimum 12 months of approved sea-going experience in the capacity as Watch-keeping officer on a trading vessel of 500 GT or more but less than 3000 GT.

1) Ex- Naval Officers in possession of Certificate of Service (COS) with minimum 36 months of approved sea-going experience of which atleast 12 months in the capacity as Chief Mate on a trading vessel of 3000 GT or more.

Every such candidate shall successfully complete 3 months of Phase II course of Management level. On successful completion of said course a candidate is required to complete all modular courses as applicable for Chief Mate certification. The candidate is then required to appear in oral assessment of Chief Mate (FG) by a panel of examiners appointed by Chief Examiners of Master & Mate from The Directorate General of Shipping, Ministry of Shipping.

On successful completion of the same the candidate will be issued with Chief Mate (FG) certificate of competency (COC) with suffix 'E'.

2) Ex-Naval Officers in possession of Certificate of Service (COS) with minimum 36 months of approved sea-going experience of which atleast 12 months in the capacity as Chief Mate on a trading vessel of 500 GT or more but less than 3000 GT.

Every such candidate shall successfully complete 3 months of Phase II course of Management level. On successful completion of said course a candidate is required to complete all modular courses as

applicable for Chief Mate certification. The candidate is then required to appear in oral assessment of Chief Mate (FG) by a panel of examiners appointed by Chief Examiners of Master & Mate from the Directorate General Of Shipping, Ministry of Shipping.

On successful completion of above, the candidate will be issued with Chief Mate (FG) certificate of competency (COC) with endorsement 'Limited to Vessel less than 3000 GT & with suffix 'E'.

3) Ex-Naval Officers in possession of Certificate of Service (COS) with approved sea-going experience of 18 months or more but less than 36 months as a watch-keeping officer, of which atleast 6 months in the capacity as Chief Mate on a trading vessel of 3000 GT or more.

Every such candidate shall successfully complete 3 months of Phase I & 3 months of Phase II course of Management level. On successful completion of said course a candidate is required to complete all Modular courses as applicable for Chief Mate certification. The candidate is then required to appear in oral assessment of Chief Mate (FG) by a panel of examiners appointed by Chief Examiners of Master & Mate from the Directorate General Of Shipping, Ministry of Shipping.

On successful completion of above, the candidate will be issued with Chief Mate (FG) certificate of competency (COC) with suffix 'E'.

4) Ex-Naval Officers in possession of Certificate of Service (COS) with approved sea-going experience of 18 months or more but less than 36 months as a watch-keeping officer, of which atleast 6 months in the capacity as Chief Mate on a trading vessel of 500 GT or more but less than 3000 GT .

Every such candidate shall successfully complete 3 months of Phase I & 3 months of Phase II course of Management level. On successful completion of said course a candidate is required to complete all Modular courses as applicable for Chief Mate certification. The candidate is then required to appear in oral assessment of Chief Mate (FG) by a panel of examiners appointed by Chief Examiners of Master & Mate from the Directorate General Of Shipping, Ministry of Shipping.

On successful completion of above, the candidate will be issued with Chief Mate (FG) certificate of competency (COC) with endorsement 'Limited to Vessel less than 3000 GT & with suffix 'E'.

5) Ex-Naval Officers in possession of Certificate of Service (COS) with 12 months of approved sea-going experience in the capacity as Watch-keeping officer on a trading vessel of 3000 GT or more.

Every such candidate is required to complete all modular courses as applicable for 2nd Mate (FG)

certification & appear in oral assessment of 2nd Mate (FG) by a panel of examiners appointed by Chief Examiners of Master & Mate from the Directorate General Of Shipping, Ministry of Shipping.

On successful completion of the same the candidate will be issued with 2nd Mate (FG) certificate of competency (COC).

6) Ex-Naval Officers in possession of Certificate of Service (COS) with minimum 12 months of approved sea-going experience in the capacity as Watch-keeping officer on a trading vessel of 500 GT or more but less than 3000 GT.

Every such candidate is required to complete all modular courses as applicable for 2nd Mate (FG) certification & appear in oral assessment of 2nd Mate (FG) by a panel of examiners appointed by Chief Examiners of Master & Mate from the Directorate General Of Shipping, Ministry of Shipping.

On successful completion of the same the candidate will be issued with 2nd Mate (FG) certificate of competency (COC) with endorsement Limited to Vessel less than 3000 GT.

7) Ex-Naval Officers in possession of Certificate of Service (COS) with minimum 6 month or more but less than 12 months of approved sea-going experience in the capacity as Watch-keeping officer on a trading vessel of 3000 GT or more.

Every such candidate is required to successfully complete 4 months of 2nd Mate (FG) course. On successful completion of the said course, the candidate is required to complete all modular courses as applicable for 2nd Mate (FG) certification. The candidate is then required to appear in oral assessment of 2nd Mate (FG) by a panel of examiners appointed by Chief Examiners of Master & Mate from the Directorate General Of Shipping, Ministry of Shipping

On successful completion of the above, the candidate will be issued with 2nd Mate (FG) certificate of competency (COC).

8) Ex-Naval Officers in possession of Certificate of Service (COS) with minimum 6 months or more but less than 12 months of approved sea-going experience in the capacity as Watch-keeping officer on a trading vessel of 500 GT or more but less than 3000 GT.

Every such candidate is required to successfully complete 4 months of 2nd Mate (FG) course. On successful completion of the said course, the candidate is required to complete all modular courses as applicable for 2nd Mate (FG) certification. The candidate is then required to appear in oral assessment of 2nd Mate (FG) by a panel of examiners appointed by Chief Examiners of Master & Mate from the Directorate

General Of Shipping, Ministry of Shipping.

On successful completion of the same the candidate will be issued with 2nd Mate (FG) certificate of competency (COC) endorsement -Limited to Vessel less than 3000 GT.

9) Ex-Naval Officers in possession of Certificate of Service (COS) with less 6 months of approved sea-going experience in the capacity as Watch-keeping officer on a trading vessel of 3000 GT or more.

Every such candidate is required to successfully complete 4 months of 2nd Mate (FG) course and appear in written examination for

1) Ship Construction, Stability, Ship Safety & Environment Protection 2) Cargo Handling & Stowage. In addition, complete all modular courses as applicable for 2nd Mate (FG) certification & appear in oral assessment of 2nd Mate (FG) by a panel of examiners appointed by Chief Examiners of Master & Mate from The Directorate General of Shipping, Ministry of Shipping.

On successful completion of the same the candidate will be issued with 2nd Mate (FG) certificate of competency (COC).

10) Ex-Naval Officers in possession of Certificate of Service (COS) with minimum 12 months of approved sea-going experience in the capacity as Watch-keeping officer on a trading vessel of 500 GT or more but less than 3000 GT.

Every such candidate is required to successfully complete 4 months of 2nd Mate (FG) course and appear in written examination for

1) Ship Construction, Stability, Ship Safety & Environment Protection 2) Cargo Handling & Stowage. In addition, complete all modular courses as applicable for 2nd Mate (FG) certification & appear in oral assessment of 2nd Mate (FG) by a panel of examiners appointed by Chief Examiners of Master & Mate from The Directorate General of Shipping, Ministry of Shipping.

On successful completion of the same the candidate will be issued with 2nd Mate (FG) certificate of competency (COC) endorsement -Limited to Vessel less than 3000 GT.

NOTE:

1) Suffix 'E' indicates that the candidate has undergone the course but not passed the written

examination. Therefore, such candidates are required to pass examination of Phase II subjects, namely, Navigational Aids including compasses, Bridge Watch-keeping, Ship Handling & Emergencies, Engineering Knowledge, instruments & control systems, Naval architecture paper II & Maritime legislation (Total 5 Nos.) prior to being considered eligible for Master's examination.

This is required to facilitate such candidates fulfill the competence & eligibility criteria for Master's examination.

- (i) 'Trading ships' in the merchant navy means tanker, bulk carrier, container ship, general cargo ship or passenger ship and such other ships which are used for carriage of cargo or passenger or both.
- (ii) The assessment of approved sea time shall be carried out as per prescribed guidelines in META Manual Volume - I (Reference Section M-II/11)
- (iii) Successful completion of course means completion of the prescribed term of the respective courses and completion of the process of internal assessment by any institute approved by Directorate General of Shipping.
- (iv) Those who have completed the modular courses at any other institution approved by the Directorate General of Shipping for those modular courses on or before 1st March 2001 would be accepted as having successfully completed the modular courses.
- (v) The expiry date for assessment of sea time eligibility criteria for officers in possession of Certificate of Service is 31st January 2002.
- (vi) The panel of examiner, appointed by the Chief Examiner of Master & Mates shall include at least one external examiner from the industry, on the basis of the guidelines laid down for this purpose.

This issues with the approval of the Nautical Adviser to the Govt. of India.

**Sd/-
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