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As per the Merchant Shipping (Standards of Training Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers), Rules 1998, Flow Diagram No.4, with regard to certification of MEO (Near Coastal voyage), candidates are required to appear for the written and oral exam after 6 month of sea services with T.A.R. Book. However, it is observed that the approved Institutes are conducting the written examination for MEO Class IV (NCV) immediately after the completion of 3 months Course covering A III/ 1 read with A-1/3.

In partial modification in the procedure for training, examination and assessment in Flow Diagram No.4, the written exam for MEO Class IV (NCV) can be conducted immediately after completion of the course at the approved Institutes, however the oral examination are to be conducted by MMD after the candidate performs the requisite sea service with the T.A.R. Book.