

Clarifications regarding qualifying sea service requirements for NCV Certification of candidates for examination and revalidation purposes. (Refer TEAP A, Flow Diagrams III/11-5 & 11-6)

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Sub: Clarification regarding qualifying sea service requirements for NCV Certification of candidates for examination and revalidation purposes

(A) Condoning of sea service performed on ships with propulsion power more than 3000 kW for NCV Certification :

There have been applications received at the Directorate from Mercantile Marine Departments (MMDs), of candidates for Near Coastal Voyage (NCV) Certification wherein the qualifying sea service submitted by the candidates has been found to be performed on ships with propulsion power more than 3000 kW and/or outside NCV (BIMMS) area.

The matter has been deliberated at the Directorate and it is decided to condone the applications already received at the Directorate till the date of issue of this circular i.e. 23.12.2008. This is being done as various stakeholders, which includes following, have erroneously misinterpreted the qualifying sea service requirements for NCV certification.

Training institutes undertaking preparatory courses

Training officers of the companies

Assessment and examination centres (MMDs) etc.

(B) Clarification regarding sea service requirements:

(i) Minimum sea service requirements for certification as MEO Class IV

(NCV) {Rule25.2.(iii) of META Manual Vol I }:

Every candidate for MEO Class IV (NCV) certification shall have completed for a period of not less than six months approved sea going service with four months of propelling time as a trainee/junior engineer in the engine department on ships operated in Near Coastal Voyages (BIMMS Area) powered by main propulsion machinery of less than 3000 kW, which is duly documented in an approved TAR book as specified in section A-III/1 of the STCW Code as applicable to ships engaged in Near Coastal Voyages (NCV).

(ii) Minimum sea service requirements for certification as MEO Class III (NCV- SEO) {Rule26.2.(ii) of META Manual Vol I }:

Every candidate for MEO Class III (NCV-SEO) certification shall have completed for a period of not less than one year approved sea going service with nine months of propelling time as an engineer officer in charge of an engineering watch in the engine department on ships operating in Near Coastal Voyages (BIMMS Area) powered by main propulsion machinery of less than 3000 kW.

(iii) Minimum sea service requirements for certification as MEO Class III (NCV- CEO) {Rule27.2. (ii) of META Manual Vol I }:

Every candidate for MEO Class III (NCV-CEO) certification shall have completed for a period of not less than one year approved sea going service with nine months of propelling time as an engineer officer in charge of an engineering watch in the engine department on ships operating in Near Coastal Voyages (BIMMS Area) powered by main propulsion machinery of less than 3000 kW.

(C) (i) Sea service done by the candidates on dredgers operating in Near Coastal Voyages (BIMMS Area) and powered by main propulsion machinery of less than 3000 kW shall be accepted at full rate for NCV certification.

(ii) Sea service done by the candidates on OSV/MSV/SV operating in Indian oil fields and powered by main propulsion machinery of less than 3000 kW shall be accepted at full rate for NCV certification.

(iii) Sea service done by the candidates in ships operating on Indian lakes or rivers, or within smooth or partially smooth water limits i.e. within Indian port/harbour limits and powered by main propulsion machinery of less than 3000 kW shall count at half rate as qualifying sea service.

(iv) Sea service done by the candidates on ships operating in Near Coastal Voyages (BIMMS Area) and powered by main propulsion machinery of less than 750 kW shall count at half rate as qualifying sea service.

(D) Minimum sea service requirements for the purpose of revalidation of NCV certification {Rule 3.1 of Section M-I/10 of META Manual Vol I } :

Every candidate for the purpose of revalidation of his NCV certification of any grade shall have completed for a period of not less than one year approved sea-going service on ships operating in Near Coastal Voyages (BIMMS Area) powered by main propulsion machinery of less than 3000 kW.

(E) Qualifying sea service or initial training if found to be insufficient:

If after a candidate has passed an examination, it is discovered that the candidate's initial training or qualifying sea service or both was insufficient to entitle the candidate to appear for the examination, the certificate of competency shall not be granted until the candidate has performed the amount of sea service or training or both in which he was deficient, and has submitted relevant documents subsequently as proof of same.

(F) Hereby following instructions to Examiners circulars are repealed:

(i) Instructions to Examiners [Circular 77](#) dated 4th October 2004.

(ii) Instructions to Examiners [Circular 80](#) dated 1st November 2004.

This issues with the approval of the Chief Examiner of Engineers.