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**Marine Guidance (3/ 2025)**

**AMENDMENT TO MARINE GUIDANCE (6/2021)**

**Applicable to:** Maritime Training Institutes, Maritime Training Centers, Instructors, Assessors, Examiners and Seafarers

- References:**
- (a) Myanmar Merchant Shipping Act, section 21;
  - (b) Notification (108/2012) and its amendments (Rules relating to the issuance of Certificates of Competency and Certificate of Proficiency of Masters, Officers and Ratings);
  - (c) International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978, as amended (STCW Convention);
  - (d) Marine Guidance (6/2021) Guidance for Maritime Education & Training, Examination and Certification for Seafarers;
  - (e) Marine Guidance (1/2022) Amendments to Marine Guidance (6/2021); and
  - (f) Marine Guidance (3/2023) Amendments to Marine Guidance (6/2021).

**Summary**

*This Marine Guidance provides amendments to ANNEX (D.3.1) of Marine Guidance (6/2021), Marine Guidance (1/2022) and Marine Guidance (3/2023) concerning the System of Maritime Education & Training, Examination, and Certification for Deck Officer Class III as required by the STCW Convention, Regulation II/1 and the STCW Code Section A-II/1. The amendments update the Supporting Knowledge Subjects, Nautical Subjects, and the teaching system for the Deck Officer Class III Certificate of Competency Course.*

1. The Department of Marine Administration (DMA) issues this Marine Guidance under the powers conferred by Rule 41 of the *Rules relating to the issuance of Certificates of Competency and Certificate of Proficiency of Masters, Officers and Ratings*.
2. DMA issued Marine Guidance (6/2021) relating to "Guidance for Maritime Education & Training, Examination and Certification for seafarers" on 22 October 2021, Marine Guidance (1/2022) relating to "Amendment to Marine Guidance (6/2021): System of Maritime Education and Training, Examination, and Certification for Deck Officer Class II, Deck Officer Class III and Deck Officer Class V" on 8 November 2022 and Marine Guidance (3/2023) relating to "Amendment to

Marine Guidance (6/2021): System of Maritime Education and Training, Examination, and Certification for Deck Officer Class III” on 10 October 2023 respectively.

3. This Marine Guidance serves to provide the subsequent amendments to ANNEX (D.3.1) of Marine Guidance (6/2021), Marine Guidance (1/2022) and Marine Guidance (3/2023) concerning the system of Maritime Education & Training, Examination and Certification for Deck Officer Class III, as detailed in the Annex.
4. DMA shall administer, supervise and monitor all stages of implementation to ensure compliance with the standards set by this Marine Guidance.
5. This Marine Guidance shall enter into force on the date of issue.



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**Amendments to ANNEX (D.3.1) of Marine Guidance (6/2021)**

**System of Maritime Education & Training, Examination and Certification for  
Deck Officer Class III – Certificate of Competency  
(Officer in Charge of a Navigational Watch on ships of 500 gross tonnage or more)  
(STCW Convention, Regulation II/1)**

**Paragraph 1**

**Candidates who have passed the Basic Educational High School (BEHS) Examination or  
IGCSE 'O' Level**

1. Paragraph (B) is deleted and is replaced by the following:

“(B)(1) have successfully completed the following Supporting Knowledge Subjects conducted by the DMA to be eligible for the approved Deck Officer Class III Certificate of Competency Course at the respective Approved Maritime Training Centres:

The Supporting Knowledge Subjects include:

- (a) English;
- (b) Mathematics; and
- (c) Physical Science.”.

“(B)(2) have successfully completed the Written Examination for the following Nautical Subjects during the period of the approved Deck Officer Class III Certificate of Competency Course (32-weeks) at the respective Approved Maritime Training Centres.

Nautical Subjects are:

- (a) English;
- (b) Meteorology;
- (c) Principle of Navigation;
- (d) Chart Work;
- (e) Electricity, Magnetism & Gyro-compass; and
- (f) Signalling Visual.”.

2. The table "Teaching System and Method of Demonstration for Deck Officer Class III- Certificate of Competency Training Course (from BEHS)" is replaced with the following table:

Semester	Subjects	Teaching Hours	Demonstrating competence		
			Method	Hours	% Pass
I	English	60	<b>Written Examination (MTC)</b> 1. English 2. Meteorology 3. Principle of Navigation 4. Chart Work 5. Electricity, Magnetism & Gyro-compass 6. Signaling Visual.		
	Meteorology			2	50
	Principle of Navigation	120		2	50
	Practical Navigation			2	50
	Chart Work				
	Electricity, Magnetism & Gyro-compass	100		2	70
	GSK (Seamanship, Cargo Handling & Stowage)	4		3	70
	GSK (Stability, Construction & Shipboard Operation)	64			
	COLREG '72, Visual Signaling & Oral Examination	72		0.5	85
	<b>Total</b>	<b>648</b>			
II	Practical Navigation		<b>Written Examination (BoE)</b> 1. Practical Navigation 2. GSK		
	Practical Navigation (Passage Planning)	60		3.0	70
	GSK (Seamanship, Cargo Handling & Stowage)	72		3.0	60
	GSK (Stability, Construction & Shipboard Operation)	72			
	COLREG '72, Visual Signaling & Oral Examination				
	<b>Total</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>Oral Examination (DMA)</b>		
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1008</b>		1.0	90