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Marine Guidance (5(A)/2023)

AMENDMENTS 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 for granting of Certificates of Competency and Certificates 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)
 - (f) Marine Guidance (4/2023) Amendments to Marine Guidance (6/2021)

Summary

This Marine Guidance provides the Revised Annex (D.15.1) regarding system of Deck Officer Class III to Marine Guidance (4/2023) relating to “Guidance for Maritime Education & Training, Examination, and Certification for Seafarers”.

1. The Department of Marine Administration (DMA) issues this Marine Guidance in exercise of the power conferred under rule 41 of Rules relating to the issuance of Certificates of Competency and Certificates 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 and Marine Guidance (1/2022) relating to “Amendment to Marine Guidance (6/2021): System of Maritime Education & Training, Examination, and Certification for Deck Officer Class II, Deck Officer Class III and Deck Officer Class V” on 8 November 2022 respectively.

3. This Marine Guidance serves to provide Revised Annex (D.15.1) concerning the system of Maritime Education & Training, Examination, and Certification for Deck Officer Class III, which are prescribed in Annex to Marine Guidance (6/2021).
4. The DMA shall administer, supervise and monitor every stage of implementation to ensure that the standards set by this Marine Guidance are fully met.
5. This Marine Guidance shall enter into force on the date of issue.



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**System of Maritime Education & Training, Examination and Certification for
Deck Officer Class III Certificate of Competency and
A limitation for Chief Mate on ships of between 500 and 3,000 gross tonnage
(STCW Convention, Regulation II/2)**

1. The Examination for Deck officer Class III - Certificate of Competency and a limitation for Chief Mate on ships between 500 and 3,000 gross tonnage consists of Written and Oral Examinations.

The candidate holding Deck Officer Class IV or Class V for certification shall:

- (A) have approved seagoing service of not less than 12 months as a chief mate whilst holding Deck Officer Class V - Certificate of Competency;
- (B) have successfully completed the Written Examination for the following Supporting-knowledge Subject and Nautical Subjects during the period of the approved Course for Deck Officer Class III - Certificate of Competency and a limitation for chief mate on ships between 500 and 3,000 gross tonnage (13-weeks) at the respective Approved Maritime Training Centres:
 - (1) Supporting-knowledge Subject is English;
 - (2) Nautical Subjects are:
 - (a) Principle of Navigation;
 - (b) Electricity, Magnetism & Gyro-compass; and
 - (c) Signalling Visual;
- (C) have to attempt for the failed subject(s) if any, only in the subsequent Written Examination(s) according to the respective semester if the candidate who have failed in any subject of the Written Examination conducted by the Approved Maritime Training Centers;
- (D) have successfully completed the Written Examination for the following Nautical Subjects during their education and training period at the respective Approved Maritime Training Centers:
 - (1) Practical Navigation;
 - (2) Cargo Handling, Stability and Shipboard Operation; and
 - (3) Maritime Legislative Requirements;
- (E) have to attempt for the failed subject(s) if any, only in the subsequent Written Examination(s) if the candidate who have failed in any subject of the Written Examination conducted by the Approved Maritime Training Centers and be successfully completed all subjects within 1 year, which shall be counted at the beginning date of attempt of the Written Examination conducted by the Approved Maritime Training Centers, otherwise shall have to attempt for the overdue subjects.

2. The Written Examination shall be conducted during the education and training period at the Approved Maritime Training Centres in accordance with the Regulation I/6 of the STCW Convention.
3. The candidates, who have successfully completed the Written Examination, shall have successfully completed the Bridge Resource Management & Use of Leadership and Managerial Skills Training Course prior to Oral Examination, which shall be conducted by DMA.
4. The candidates, who have failed in the Oral Examination if any, shall have to attempt for the subsequent Examination(s) and shall be successfully completed Oral Examination within 3 years, which shall be counted at the date of passing the Written Examination conducted by the Approved Maritime Training Centers. If the candidate joins the ship after passing the Written Examination before or during the Oral Examination, such period of maximum 1 year shall be exempted from the aforesaid period of 3 years.
5. DMA shall issue Deck Officer Class III - Certificate of Competency and a limitation for Chief Mate on ships between 500 and 3,000 gross tonnage to the candidates who have successfully completed the Oral Examination as well as holding the respective valid Certificates of Proficiency which are required the STCW Convention and STCW Code.

Provided that, in case of the candidate holding Deck Officer Class V – CoC with a limitation for Master on ships less than 500 GT for near-coastal voyages, who has an approved seagoing service of not less than 24 months as a chief mate or 12 months as a master whilst holding Deck Officer Class V – CoC, such voyage limitation may be waived.

**Teaching System and Method of Demonstration for
Deck Officer Class III Certificate of Competency and
A limitation for Chief Mate on ships of between 500 and 3,000 gross tonnage
Training Course
(For Deck Officer Class IV and V)**

Semester	Subjects	Teaching Hours	Demonstrating competence		
		Total	Method	Hours	% Pass
I	English	44	Written Examination (MTC) 1. English 2. Principle of Navigation 3. Electricity, Magnetism & Gyro-compass 4. Signaling Visual	3.0 2.0 3.0 0.5	50 50 50 85
	Principle of Navigation	98			
	Practical Navigation	16			
	Electricity, Magnetism & Gyro-compass	52			
	Total	210			
II	GSK (Seamanship, Cargo Handling & Stowage)	145	Oral Examination (DMA)	1.0	90
	Practical Navigation (Passage Planning)	78			
	COLREG '72, Visual Signalling & Oral Examination	66			
	Maritime Legislative Requirements	23			
	Total	312			
Grand Total		522			

1st Semester - 5 weeks (7 hrs per day, 6 days per week)
2nd Semester - 8 weeks (6.5 hrs per day, 6 days per week)
Total - 13 weeks