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Chief Examiner of Master and Mates	Subject: Revalidation of Certificate of Competencies of Nautical Discipline issued under the provisions of the STCW Convention – reg.	NT Exam Circular No. 01 of 2018
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1. The Directorate has received several requests to clarify whether a candidate in possession of nautical discipline Certificate of Competency [CoC] issued under the provisions of the STCW Convection is mandatorily required to undergo a revalidation course for revalidating the CoC.

2. All candidates holding Certificate of Competency issued under STCW 1995 amendments will necessarily require to undergo a refresher and updating training as mentioned under Para 1 of section 1/11 of TEAP part A, to upgrade their Certificate of Competency to the requirement of STCW 2010 amendments. The procedures for this up-gradation of CoCs from the 1995 amendments to 2010 amendments have already been detailed in Nautical Wing NT/EXAM. CIRCULAR NO. 01 of 2016 dated 15.01.2016 (File No. 3-NT(6/2015).

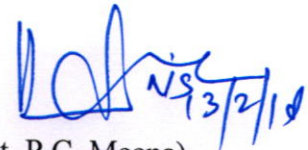
3. As regards the requirements for revalidation of CoCs which have already been upgraded to STCW 2010 requirements, or issued fresh under the STCW 2010 amendments, the STCW Convention does not specify any mandatory requirement for undergoing a course for revalidation of the Certificate of Competency. Instead, the STCW Convention provides several options for revalidations of CoCs at Section A-1/11 of STCW Code.

4. The options provided for revalidation of CoCs as per Section A-1/11 of the STCW Code have been duly elaborated and are reflected in Para 3 of Section 1/11 of TEAP Part ‘A’. The same is reproduced below for ease of reference.

Continued professional competence is established by:

- 4.1 approved sea-going service, performing functions appropriate to the certificate held, for a period of at least one year in total during the preceding five years ; or
- 4.2 approved sea-going service, performing functions appropriate to the certificate held, for a period of at least 3 (three) months in total during the preceding 6 (six) months immediately prior to expiry of the certificate; or,

- 4.3 having performed functions considered to be equivalent to the seagoing service required in paragraph 4.1, (e.g. officers working in marine related jobs, such as: maritime surveyors, faculty, superintendents, cargo superintendents, port officers, port engineers, officers serving on offshore rigs and platforms, FPSO, FSO, Chartering, Brokering or Commercial operations, vetting inspectors, ISM auditors, Port State and Flag State inspectors, Shipboard Training Officers, pilots, etc.), for a period of not less than 2 (Two) years during the preceding five years; or
 - 4.4 Passing an approved test, such as oral/E-examination for the grade of CoC concerned; or
 - 4.5 Successfully completing an approved training Course or Courses, such as: Competency Course for the grade of CoC concerned or one grade higher; or
 - 4.6 having completed approved sea-going service, performing functions appropriate to the certificate held, for a period of not less than three months in a supernumerary capacity, or in a lower officer rank than that for which the certificate held is valid, immediately prior to taking up the rank for which it is valid.
5. In view of above, it is clarified that there is no requirement for candidates in possession of CoCs issued or upgraded under STCW 2010 amendments to mandatorily undergo a revalidation course or Refresher and updating training course (RUT) for revalidating CoCs of nautical discipline.
6. This is issued with the approval of Chief Examiner of Master and Mates.



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