	<b><u>DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING,</u></b> <b><u>GOVT. OF INDIA, MUMBAI</u></b>	IS/ISO Clause No. 8.5.1
<b>Ref.: QMS EACQP</b>  <b>WPI-8.5-02A-02</b>	<b>Subject: One time Relaxation to the five year period for completing Extra First Class examination</b>	File No. ENG/ EXAM-CIRC/ 25(01)/2017(Pt)
Approved by the Chief Surveyor to the Govt. of India.	<b>Instructions to Examiners-</b>  <b>Circular No. 147 of 2019</b>	<b>Date: 13.06.2019</b>


### **1. Introduction and Requirement:**

- (i) RECALLING that the Directorate has prescribed the syllabus and mandatory requirements for the conduct of Extra First Class Engineer Certificate of Competency vide the DGS EAC branch circular 125 of 2014.
- (ii) NOTING that one such requirement is the successful completion of the course and examination within a maximum period of five years from the date of first enrollment for the course, failing which, the candidate has to undergo the complete course and examination all over again.
- (iii) NOTING ALSO that the Extra First Class is an optional certificate with the objective of enhancing the knowledge of existing Marine Engineers with MEO Class I certificate of competency with the new tools for their professional development and accordingly the new syllabus was drawn out and introduced in the year 2014.
- (iv) CONSIDERING that many seafarers and other candidates who have enrolled in this course leading to Extra First class certification in the year 2014 have expressed that they may not be in a position to complete the examination within the prescribed five year period from the date of enrolling the course and as such requested for grant of additional time period for competing the course.
- (v) REALIZING that many candidates who have enrolled in this course have their official duties, few sail onboard merchant ships and some attend to ships as superintendents and as such these candidates could not effectively utilize the time to complete within stipulated time frame of five years and considering that this year (2019) being the completion of first five year period after the introduction of new syllabus and pattern of examination for extra first class certificate of competency in the year 2014, it has been decided to grant one time relaxation to the prescribed period of five years for completion of the course and examination from the date of enrollment.



- (vi) IN CONSIDERATION OF ALL ABOVE one time relaxation in the prescribed period is granted to complete the extra first class examination to all such candidates who have enrolled for the course from 2014 to 2019 to complete within a maximum period of 7 years. Thereafter no relaxation in the five year period will be considered to all such candidates who will enroll for the course from 2020 onwards.

This circular is issued with the approval of the competent authority and comes into effect from the date of issuance.



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