

EXAMINATION CIRCULAR - EXM-01/04

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Sub: Service time on "Floating Storage & Offloading Vessel"(FSOs)

Subject matter has been examined in Nautical Wing of this Directorate in line with 'Sea-Going 'Service' requirements (Meta Manual Vol.I Section M-II/11) and Chief Examiner of Master and Mates has approved subject matter of sea service as follows:

1. **For purpose of revalidation of COC:-** Service performed on FSOs will be counted at half rate, up to a maximum of 6 months for 12 months or more sea service on FSOs.

Therefore, remaining 6 months sea service must be performed as per rules. However restricted revalidation stating 'for service on storage vessels only' can be issued to an officer if his full service of 1 year has been on such FSOs.

2. **For purpose of qualifying sea going service:-**Limited sea going service upto a maximum 18 months can be awarded at 2/3 of actual service perform on FSOs towards NWKO (NCV) stream only. In this case remaining 18 months of sea going service must be performed as per rules and six months of Navigational Watch keeping (included within these 18 months) must be performed on trading vessels.

3. No credit towards sea going service will be granted for 1 & 2 above under the following circumstances:-

- a. If FSOs is not a converted vessel or does not have a propulsion plant/steering Compartment/Navigational Bridge/Ship compartments/features etc.
- b. Towards qualifying sea service for management level examination in NCV stream.
- c. Towards qualifying sea service for foreign going COCs of any level.

This issues with the approval of Chief Examiner of Master & Mates & Nautical Adviser to the Government of India.

Yours faithfully,

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