

Draft MS Notice on the subject 'Options for Retaining Validity of Previously passed in Nautical Examinations'.

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1. Reference is invited to the Directorate's NT Circular No. 05/2005, dated 6th May 2005, which set a five-year validity period for written and oral subjects passed in the Certificate of Competency (CoC) examinations. This framework was instituted to ensure the continued competency of candidates.

2. The Directorate has undertaken a thorough evaluation of the existing policy to ensure that the examination is more aligned with the real-world competencies of seafarers, thereby fostering an environment conducive to continuous professional development. Accordingly, the Directorate has revised the requirement regarding the five-year validity period for subjects passed in the Certificate of Competency (CoC) examinations to accommodate multiple pathways by which candidates may ensure valid competency in previously passed subjects. The intention is to uphold maritime competency standards while providing pathways for candidates to demonstrate and retain their qualifications.

3. Considering the foregoing, it has been decided that the validity of previously passed function/subject of Nautical grade competency examination can be extended beyond the five-year threshold by fulfilling any of the following conditions at the time of their application for the Certificate of Competency Hard Cover:

a. Successful completion of a minimum of six months of approved sea service within the last five years.

OR

b. Participation in a post-sea course relevant to the subject that has lapsed in validity, within five years preceding the application for the Certificate of Competency Hard Cover.

OR

c. Re-examination and successful passing of the relevant subject(s) within five years preceding the application for the Certificate of Competency Hard Cover.

4. This circular supersedes the Directorate's NT Circular No. 05/2005, dated 6th May 2005, and will take immediate effect.

This issues with the approval of the Chief Examiner of Master and Mates.

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