

**ENG CIRCULAR - 009**

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**Entry into obtaining the Advanced Fire Fighting Course Certification process had been regulated by guidelines issued vide letter No.ENG/EXAM-43(14)/94 dated 30.3.94 and vide circular letter No. ENG/MISC-43(10)/96 dated 13th August 1998 issued earlier. During the earlier days there was lot of rush for these Advanced Fire Fighting Courses as a result of which certain restrictions had to be put on the eligibility of the candidates, who would take up this course. However, in the recent years most of the institutes conducting these Advanced Fire Fighting Courses have recorded low in-puts because the certification process with such candidates have more or less reached a saturation stage. In order to ensure that such courses are now available to aspiring genuine seafarers, all restrictions as have been stipulated earlier are henceforth revoked and it would not be necessary for any candidate henceforth to obtain a NOC under any circumstances prior to doing the Advanced Fire Fighting Course under the following guidelines.**

- 1. A candidate must be a serving seafarer. He therefore should be able to produce necessary documents in support of this fact at the time of booking e.g. a certificate form the company or an endorsement of sailing on PP or CDC, etc. In addition, he must have attended an approved Fire Prevention and Fire Fighting Course (FPFF).**
- 2. The requirement of the FPFF Course may be exempted in the following cases: a. Naval personnel having sailed and in possession of Identity card / discharge book**  
**b. a serving seafarer in possession of an approved certificate of competency / proficiency for work on near coastal / foreign going ships**
- 3. Candidate having an approved eligibility criteria for the examination of operational level shipboard job. i.e. an officer in charge of an engineering or navigational watch.**

*The Onus will be on the institutes conducting the advance course to establish that the seafarer has gainfully served at sea prior to undergoing the advance course.*

**This circular supercedes all the other circular restricting / regulating the conditions imposed on seafarers aspiring to undergo the advance fire fighting course.**