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Authorized by the Chief Examiner of Master & Mates	Examination, Assessment & Certification (EAC) Branch	IS / ISO Clause No. 7.5.1
	Subject- Facilitation of attending various competency courses –reg.	M.S. Notices No. 14 of 2014
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1. **Background** – An aspirant pursuing higher qualification for career progression has to undergo Approved (maritime) Education, Training, Examination and Assessment (META), as prescribed under the MS (STCW) Rules, 1998 (as amended).
2. **Current issue** - It has been brought to the knowledge of the Directorate that some of the such approved education (preparatory) courses leading to competency examinations are either not available locally at present or are being conducted in an irregular/infrequent manner. A study undertaken in this regard has revealed that institutes normally do not prefer to conduct such courses, due to lack of sufficient participants, which makes conduct of such courses commercially unviable.
3. **Solution** - In order to resolve anxiety amongst affected aspirant officers, the Competent Authority hereby allows direct admissibility of such officers in the regular preparatory course of the same grade, provided following conditions are met with –
 - 3.1 The candidate meets basic academic qualification to grasp the subject matter while undergoing such course; &
 - 3.2 He/She obtains minimum of 45% or 60% marks in the internal assessment test conducted by the institute, against 50% - 60% or 70% required marks, respectively, as applicable, for that subjects in main course examination; &
 - 3.3 He/She is able to complete highest examination of that grade (i.e. navigation watch keeping officer or chief mate or the master) within a cycle of 5 years. Failing which, the candidate may have to undergo course of applicable scope or repeat the unlimited higher course and he/she may be required to undergo revalidation/up-gradation courses, as applicable.

An appendix 'A' illustrates guidance to application of such considerations.
4. **Provisions now effected** – Various existing provisions, which shall be partially modified to the extent, as detailed under the aforesaid heading 'Current Issue' are listed hereunder:
 - i). **Progression to 2nd Mate (FG)** – through the courses as prescribed below:
 In META manual reference Sec. M-II/5.3; or
 In M.S. Notice No. 10 of 2004, para 8.8.1; or
 In M.S. Notice No. 08 of 2006, para 1.2.1

- ii) Progression upto Chief Mate (FG) – through the courses as prescribed below:
In META manual reference Sec. M-II/6.3; or
In proposed draft rules to align with STCW 78/2010 provisions for Chief Mate (FG) less than 3000GT; or
In M.S. Notice No. 08 of 2006, para 2.2.1 & 2.3.1 & 2.3.2 & 4 (as applicable)
In M.S. Notice No. 12 of 2012 under the sub-heading 'General and Miscellaneous Provisions'.
- iii) Progression upto ASM (FG) – through the courses as prescribed below:
In proposed draft rules to align with STCW 78/2010 provisions for Master (FG) less than 3000GT.

The above facilitations is only for attendance of preparatory course and it does not automatically grant eligibility to candidates to appear in higher competency examinations (written and orals), which can be granted only upon completion of requisite sea-going service on type, size of vessel & in appropriate area of operation by making an application to an assessment centre.


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Encl: Appendix 'A'

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Sr. no.	Preparatory course and final examination	Academic qualification	Minimum professional qualification / experience	Certification in-route
1	2 nd Mate (FG)	12 th Std (PCM) + Eng.50%	36 months sea going service (or equivalent) or Direct ex-navy sailor's entry	NWKO (NCV)
2	Chief Mate (FG) Phase I & II	12 th Std (PCM)	2 nd Mate (FG) + requisite sea-going service or Direct ex-navy officer's entry	Chief Mate (NCV) thence, Chief Mate (FG) < 3000GT
3	ASM (FG)	12 th Std (PCM)	Chief Mate (FG) unlimited / < 3000GT + requisite sea-going service	Master (FG) < 3000GT

Explanatory Note in use of above tables -

- i. In sr.no. 1 above, an aspirant of NWKO (NCV) CoC may be granted admission directly in 2nd Mate (FG) preparatory course, provided he/she meets the eligibility criteria of academic and professional qualification /experience.
- ii. In sr.no. 2 above, an aspirant of Chief Mate (NCV), thence Chief Mate (FG) less than 3000GT CoC may be granted admission directly in Chief Mate (FG) Phase I & II preparatory courses, provided he/she meets the eligibility criteria of academic and professional qualification /experience and follows the aforesaid career progression path.
- iii. In sr.no. 3 above, an aspirant of Master (FG) less than 3000GT CoC may be granted admission directly in ASM (FG) preparatory course, provided he/she meets the eligibility criteria of academic and professional qualification /experience.