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ADVISORY NOTE

The International Maritime Organization at its Manila Conference held in June, 2010, adopted a set of amendments to the STCW Convention 1978. One of these amendments deal with new education, training and assessment programs for the increased use of electro technology / control engineering, computerization etc. in modern ship design, construction, instrumentation and operations. Accordingly, it prescribes issuance of new Certificates of Competency (CoC) to a new category of technically qualified and trained officers for the purpose, in the name of 'Electro-Technical Officer (ETO).

For the purpose of training, examination, assessment and certification for the Electro Technical Officer (ETO), the Directorate has issued various circulars (please refer STCW Training Circular No. 01 of 2011, STCW Training Circular No. 08 of 2011, Examination Assessment and Certification- Engineering No. 126 of 2014 Examination Assessment and Certification- Engineering No. 129 of 2015 and Examination Assessment and Certification- Engineering No. 131 of 2015) in order to meet the minimum requirements of the STCW convention. Subsequently, the Directorate started conducting ETO CoC examination w.e.f March 2015. Till date around 1400 Seafarers have appeared for this examination.

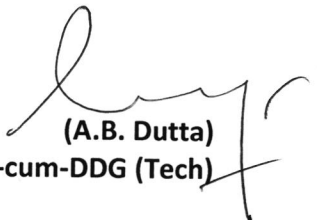
It is learnt from the various Unions that there are 6000 to 7000 Indian Electrical Officers who need to obtain ETO CoC before 1 January 2017. It is not a mandatory requirement to have ETO CoC if holder of ETO CoC is not a requirement of the Minimum Safe Manning Document

(MSMD). However, it is advisable for an Electrical Officer to obtain ETO CoC to avoid unnecessary inconveniences/delays for the vessel during Port State Control Inspection.

The Directorate is conducting ETO Examination (written & oral) every month in its Mercantile Marine Departments at Mumbai, Kolkata, Chennai and Kochi without any restriction on seats. Therefore, it is advised to all eligible seafarers as per the aforesaid circulars, to utilize this opportunity to appear in the ETO examination before 31 December 2016 and obtain CoC.

Details of Number of Candidates appeared for the ETO CoC examination.

MONTH	YEAR- 2015	YEAR-2016
JANUARY	-	-
FEBRUARY	-	50
MARCH	16	137
APRIL	-	119
MAY	-	-
JUNE	51	229
JULY	-	183
AUGUST	-	213
SEPTEMBER	67	205
OCTOBER	-	-
NOVEMBER	-	-
DECEMBER	122	-
TOTAL	256	1136


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