NOTICE TO CANDIDATES APPEARING ENGINEERING (MEO/ETO) GRADE ORAL EXAMONATIONS – FROM 10TH OF MAY - ONLINE MODE DURING COVID-19-Reg.

1. Subsequent to easing up of nationwide lock down restrictions, the Directorate conducted disrupted March 2020 engineering grade oral examinations in June 2020 (Reference Notice dated 11.06.2020).

2. Further, all engineering grade oral examinations have been resumed with regular schedule from the month of September 2020 and candidates have been allowed to appear oral examinations either in physical mode or online mode using video conferencing.

3. Currently, it is observed that many state Govt. have again imposed restrictions from April 2021 due to increasing cases of Covid-19, forcing the Directorate to discontinue conducting oral exams in physical mode and also have postponed written exams at few examination centres to prevent exposing the candidates to corona and spread of corona virus.

4. In view of aforesaid reasons, the Directorate has decided to conduct all oral examinations of candidates through online mode using video conferencing from 10th of May 2021 at all exam centres. Candidates neither be called nor given option to visit MMDs for physical oral examination. If any candidate is not able to attend online oral examination for any valid reasons with prior intimation to DG Shipping (email: jayanta.muk@gov.in), she/he will be given a chance to appear oral examination at a later date as decided by examiner of engineers of respective examination centre. Even after this opportunity if the candidate does not appear he/she shall declared as failed (absent).
It has also been decided to rotate the oral exams of candidates to be taken by a different MMD than that of exam centre where orals have been booked. This rotation will be decided by Chief Examiner of Engineers in consultation with Examiner of Engineers / Principal Officer of each MMD exam centre (The oral examination booked at one examination centre will be conducted by internal & external examiners of other examination centres).

5. All candidates intending to appear for Engineering grade oral examinations on or after 10th May 2021 are advised to follow strictly the directives contained in Annex-1 of this notice.

This is issued with the approval of the Chief Examiner of Engineers and shall be implemented from 10th of May 2021.

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A) Candidates appearing for oral examination from onboard ship shall not be allowed and shall be marked as **FAILED (ABSENT)** and no refund of examination fees shall be considered.

B) The schedule date of online oral examination shall be either published or informed through E-mail to the candidate by the examination centre, where she / he has booked.

C) Candidates to appear for online oral examination as per schedule published / informed by the concern examination centres failing which the candidate shall be marked **FAILED (ABSENT)** and no refund of examination fees shall be considered. No request for pre-ponement shall be considered. However, for any postponement, the request for the same to be sent to DG Shipping with valid reasons and well in advance.

D) The link for joining online oral examination through video conferencing shall be sent to the candidate’s registered (seafarer profile) e-mail ID by the examiner on the schedule date of oral examination.

E) Only Laptop & Desktop computers are allowed for appearing oral examination in online mode (No mobile phone, I-pad etc are allowed).

F) Candidates must ensure the internet speed, audio/video mode is adequate for appearing oral examination prior login to the lobby of video conferencing.

G) The examiners will introduce themselves and confirm the identity of the candidate. They will declare that the candidate is present for exam matches with that of the electronic copy of ID sent prior to Exam.

H) Candidate shall verbally confirm that no one is present except herself / himself in the room and same is verified through video display. And during the entire period of oral examination no one shall enter the candidate’s room.

I) Candidates are not allowed to indulge in unfair means such as referring notes / books/online guidance or any physical support during the oral examination.

J) On request of Examiner the candidate should share her/his desktop so that examiner may verify the applications open on the candidate machine.

K) The candidate shall not mute the microphone /camera during the conduct of oral examination and Candidate shall not constantly look away from the camera.
L) Candidate shall not use any background effects (Hides the presence of others and materials).

M) Candidate shall not use another electronic device, Internet searches, Open textbooks, recording devices or on-screen recording or any other electronic gadgets including mobile phone.

N) Any violation of above guideline will attract punishment such as cancellation of examination, debarment from appearing in examination for a minimum period of six months.

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