

## **NT Branch Circular No. Exam-2/05**

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**Subject: Clarification regarding medical examination of seafarers for certification**

1. This Directorate has been receiving reports that medical certificates are being sought for following purposes by concerned department /institutes etc.

- 1) Pre-sea joining
- 2) Periodical Medical examination of seafarers
- 3) For issuance / replacement/ revalidation of CDC
- 4) Issuance of DCE (oil/Chemical/Gas)
- 5) Issuance / Revalidation of COC
- 6) Issuance of COE under I/10
- 7) Issuance of STCW endorsement of GMDSS
- 8) For undergoing PSCRB/AFF/PST & FPF course

2. It is clarified that seafarers are medically examined as per the requirements of M.S (Medical Examination) Rules 2000. This Rule requires for only two types of medical examination namely : Pre-sea and Periodical Examination. The validity of medical fitness certificate is one year for all persons of age 40 years and above and for 2 years for all persons of age below 40 years.

3. It is therefore advised that the medical examination of seafarers are to be conducted as per the requirements of M.S (Medical Examination) Rules 2000 only.

4. The requirements for the above stated purposes in Para 1 would considered to have been met by submission of a self attested photocopy of medical examination certificate issued ass per the stated Rule, subject to the prescribed validity of such certificate in Para 2 above.

5. This issues with the approval of Nautical Advisor to the Govt. of India.

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