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Section M-II/1 chapter II, paragraph 5.2 META Manual prescribes the requirement of successful completion of 'Foundation Course' and pass written examination to appear in certificate of competency as second mate of foreign going ship (OIC NW). Accordingly, every candidate, except cadets of T.S.Chanakya, attends this two-month duration course in Nautical Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics, Electricity and Electronics and pass written examination.

Chief examiner of Master and Mates, mindful of prevailing acute shortage of certified hands in merchant marine, has relaxed requirement of completion of 'foundation course' and pass written examination for cadets who are inducted with 60% marks in Physics, Chemistry and Maths and have completed an approved pre-sea education and training course. While such relaxation will undoubtedly facilitate reduction in time spent to clear the examination, it does not compromise the requirements of STCW 78 as amended. Accordingly, such cadets will be eligible to appear in certificate of competency as second mate of foreign going ship (OIC NW) without attending the foundation course and written examination. Principal Officers of Mercantile Marine Department Mumbai, Chennai Kolkata are requested to affect this relaxation while assessing the eligibility with immediate effect so that cadets appearing in certificate of competency as second mate of foreign going ship (OIC NW) in July 2005 and onwards may avail this benefit.

This relaxation is initially applicable for two year effective from July 2005 and will be reviewed on receiving feedback from all concerned.

This issues with the approval of Chief Examiner Master and Mates.

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