

Nautical Wing / Examination Circular No. 1 of 2012

Directorate General of Shipping, Ministry of Shipping, Govt. of India, Mumbai		
Authorized by the Chief Examiner of Master & Mates	Examination, Assessment & Certification (EAC) Branch	IS / ISO Clause No. 7.5.1
	Subject- Poor performance in competency examinations	N. T. Wing /Exam Circular No. 1 of 2012
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1. Background:

1.1 The Directorate General of Shipping [DGS], GOI, has been regularly monitoring the performance of the candidates appearing in the competency examinations, by means of analysing the results of the candidates and also by obtaining feed back from the examiners thereof.

1.2 Considering the fact that the number of candidates failing in the competency examinations is increasing, alarmingly, especially in the 'Navigation' function, and also given that many such candidates are obtaining marks well below the prescribed pass marks, the Chief Examiner of Master and Mates had called a meeting of all the maritime training institutes conducting Post-Sea Competency Courses, INSA, MASSA, FOSMA and Internal, External Examiners involved in the written as well as oral examinations thereof with the objective of finding various remedial measures to improve the performance of the candidates as well as to reduce the rush of candidates for the competency examinations.

2. Decisions taken:

2.1 Subsequent to the discussions in the said meeting, it has been decided that the following revised procedures shall be adopted for the competency examinations with an immediate effect & until further orders;

2.1.1 A candidate declared 'Failed' in any function of the competency examination (written and oral) will be restricted from reappearing for the same for at least **one month** from the date of declaration of the preceding result, same to be used as preparation time for the next examination, before he appears again. Therefore, such a candidate can not appear if the next examination is scheduled to be held in the very next month after the result is declared. This restriction will be applicable for the Second Mate (FG) Grade only, at present.

2.1.2 If a candidate scores less than **fifty percent of the passing marks (i.e., less than 70 marks out of 140 or 60 out of 120 passing marks)** required for the subject, he will be awarded a '**Star (*)**' sign in the result sheet. A candidate who has been awarded a '**Star (*)**' sign due to his poor performance in the competency examination is required to attend the full preparatory course again before he is permitted to re-appear for the examination.

2.2 Poor performance of the candidates in competency examination partly indicates ineffectiveness of "Assessment Cell" required to be set up by each approved maritime training institution, for 'monitoring the conduct of the course and evaluate the performance of the candidates by internal assessment' as per Section M-I/9 of META manual, prior granting eligibility to appear for MMD examination. Maritime training institutions are directed to ensure strict compliance with the provisions of Section M-I/9 of META manual henceforth. Any deviation from the requirements will lead to surprise inspection of the institute based on the examination results available with the Directorate and subsequent action such as suspension or withdrawal of approval for the course.

2.3 Therefore in respect of the candidates who have been awarded '**Star**' sign, the maritime training institution from which the candidates have undergone the preparatory course are required to re-admit such students without insisting on the payment of fee once again, for the purpose. Such candidates may be in addition to the approved intake of the batch.

2.4 Very poor performance in the oral examination, i.e when a candidate is not familiar with many of the tasks given in TRB, watch keeping procedures, passage planning etc., may lead to an additional sea time, which will be decided by Chief Examiner of Master and Mates based on the report received from the oral examiner concerned and further evaluation of candidate by another internal examiner.

2.5 This circular supersedes this office NT Branch **Circular No. 4 of 2005** and comes into force one month after the date of the promulgation of this notice.

2.6 This issues with the approval of the Chief Examiner of Master and Mates, DGS, GOI, Mumbai.

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