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The Rules relating to Watch-keeping Certificates for fitters.

The matter regarding the acceptance of sea time served by candidates as Petty Officers in the technical trade for the purpose of Certification of Rating Watchkeeping duties on board coastal vessels has been considered. Many of these Petty Officers in the technical trade have served on vessels as Assistant to Watchkeepers or as Oiler, Greaser, with or without holding either a CDC and / or a Watchkeeping Certificate or a Rating Training Record Book. Many of these candidates in the last few years have subsequently obtained their CDC's and have continued to sail on vessels as Oiler, Greasers, Assistant to Watchkeepers without being duly certificated with an appropriate Watchkeeping Certificate or a Rating Training Record Book. Many of these candidates didn't even have testimonials as is issued for MEO Examination purposes as a result of which such candidates have not been accepted for eligibility towards any Certification. In order to redress this issue the following guidelines are issued.

1. Any Petty Officer (Engine Room) technical trade aspiring to obtain a Rating Watchkeeping certificate issued in accordance with MEO 1998 Examination Rules shall produce any or all of the following documentation as evidence of having served on board vessels and have undergone an approved preparatory course for a duration of 3 Weeks for the purpose of the Rating Watchkeeping Certificate Assessment.

a. A Certificate issued by the Company and endorsed by the Chief Engineer / Master / Superintendent stating period and nature of sea service.;

or,

b. Watch keeping Certificates as is usually issued for purposes of assessment of eligibility of sea time required under MEO 1989 Examination Rules, or MEO 1998 Examination Rules.;

or,

c. Entries in the CDC testifying the Sea Service.

2. Normally a period of 36 months shall be considered sufficient.

3. There would be no need to insist on whether the time period has been served after obtaining CD on board the vessels are to be taken into account.

4. In the event the Candidate has undergone any pr-sea rating training programme in accordance with Instructions, Circulars, Orders of the Directorate concerning Watchkeeping in the engine room board ship, - due credit must be given for the training towards assessing eligibility for his watchkeeping certificate examination.

C or prior to obtaining CDC and only the total time served