

ENG CIRCULAR - 002

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There are number of candidates who have commenced their approved training prior to August 1998 on which date the MEO 1998 examination rules (new) came into force. Most of these candidates, would eventually have to appear for Class IV, Part 'B' examination under the new rules, if they have not already appeared for Class II, Part 'B' examination under the old rules. Since the examination under the MEO 1989 examination rules (old) for Class II Part 'B' are being terminated from the month of January 2001 in accordance with M.S. Circular No. 6 of 2000, there would be many of these candidates who would be either ineligible for appearing in Class II, Part 'B' (old) rules because of shortage of sea time or they would be unable to appear for new Class IV, Part 'B' examination for want of structured training and sea time supported with duly endorsed TAR Books. This issue has been under consideration by the Directorate for quite some time and it is now decided,

- (a) That such of those candidates who have commenced their training between July 1996 and August 1998 and have completed their sea time in accordance with MEO 1998 examination rules (new), may be allowed to appear for the Class IV. Part 'B' examination under the new rules subject to the usual provision of their having undergone the mandatory preparatory course for the said examination and the STCW Modular courses as laid down in Meta Manual I and subsequent DGS circulars.**
- (b) The period counted towards training would be six months of sea time completed (for the 6 months ashore + 6 months at sea, category of candidates), subsequent to which they would be deemed to have qualified for an exemption from Class IV, Part 'A' under the (new) rules.**
- (c) The date from which they are deemed to have qualified for an exemption from Class IV, Part 'A' under the (new) rules would be the date of commencement of duty as Junior Watch-keeping Engineer (OICEW Sea time) with/without OICEW TAR Book. For engineers who have been found eligible and have been issued a Class II Part 'A' under the (old) rules or a Class IV Part 'A' under the (new) rules, the period deemed to have been served on OICEW Sea time shall be from the date the candidate has commenced sea service on board ship.**
- (d) If, however, the company employing the candidate has for some specific reasons prolonged the training period / OICEW sea time period etc., it would be the responsibility of the Training Manager of the Company to inform the Principal Officer from where the candidate's TAR Book has been issued, the specific reasons for having done so, failing which the training period / OICEW sea time period shall be credited to**

the candidate based on the directions given in (a) and (b) and (c).

(e) As such, there should be no insistence on the submission of a TAR Book as required under the new rules for such candidates.

(f) Candidates who have commenced their training prior to July 1996 shall be treated on a case by case basis.

This circular must be brought to the notice of all Shipowners / Shipmanagers for information and necessary compliance.