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The assessment of applications for candidates appearing for revalidation and upgradation has been going on in accordance with the M.S. Notice No. 6 of 2000 issued by this Directorate. The instructions require eligibility of revalidation be assessed first prior to commencement of upgradation course. For the same purpose candidates have been first completing their revalidation of certification prior to attempting upgradation of the certificate to STCW 95. However, it has been brought to our notice that some candidates are attempting to do their upgradation while holding certificate, the validity of which is to expire shortly, but have not separately applied for revalidation prior to their upgradation. In view of the large number of candidates now applying for upgradation, a decision has been taken at the Directorate that the candidate who applies for upgraded certificate of STCW 95 after having completed the upgradation course would be assessed for both revalidation and upgradation at the same time. Since the details of revalidation and upgradation have to be put in the same application form, it would be convenient for the Surveyor while assessing the application to assess both the conditions at the same time. In case the candidate does not fulfill the requirement for the revalidation, the same may be conveyed to the candidate, so that the candidate completes the revalidation formalities first before he is issued with an upgradation certificate.

The onus however, for determining whether the candidate is eligible for revalidation and hence be allowed to attend an upgradation course would lie with the institutes conducting the upgradation course. In the event of such an institute time and again committing error of allowing candidates for upgradation without having assessed their revalidation requirements would amount to non-compliance with instructions and thus would invite direct action. Such of those candidates who meet the requirements of both revalidation and upgradation may thus be assessed simultaneously for the certificate process for issuance accordingly.