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Electro-technical officers Competency examinations

As per Regulation III/6 of STCW 2010 Manila Amendments, every electro-technical officer (ETO) serving on a seagoing ship powered by main propulsion machinery of 750 Kw propulsion power or more shall hold a Certificate of Competency.

These STCW 2010 Manila amendments have entered into force on 01.01.2012. The Indian administration i.e., the Directorate General of Shipping has taken measures to implement the provisions of the Manila amendments in the national legislation. The approved training courses for certification of electro-technical officers have already been commenced.

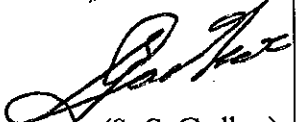
The trainees who have undertaken these ETO courses need to be assessed and examined for issuance of the Certificate of Competency. It is decided to conduct these assessments and examinations at the Examination assessment centres i.e. Mercantile Marine Departments, Mumbai, Kolkata, Kochi and Chennai to start with.

Following guidelines may be followed for conduct of the ETO examinations:-

1. These examinations will be conducted once in every 3 months, beginning from March 2015(i.e. March, June, Sept, Dec of every year).
2. There will be one written paper of two hours duration of 100 marks, followed by orals examination of 100 marks.
3. The pass percentage is 50% in the writtens and 60% in the orals examination.

4. Passing or appearing in writtens and orals is independent of each other. However, passing in both written and orals examinations is necessary for overall pass and issuance of the COC.
5. The candidates are required to apply to any of the above mentioned examination centres of their choice for assessment of their eligibility for ETO examinations.
6. After assessment, the eligible candidates can book their seat for examination, at a centre of their choice (Mumbai, Kolkata, Chennai or Kochi) subject to availability of seats.
7. Fees will be charged as per the applicable DGS guidelines.
8. Principal Officers of the concerned MMD will be responsible for arrangement of suitable qualified and approved external and internal examiners for conduct of the orals examinations. It should be ensured that the external examiner should not be from the same institute from where the candidate has pursued his training course for certification of Electro-technical officer.
9. The result shall be compiled by the MMDs and forwarded to the Chief Examiner of Engineers for approval, within one month of completion of the examination (i.e. writtens and orals).
10. COCs will be prepared and issued as per the prevailing practice followed in the issuance of COCs of other grades.
11. All answer scripts shall be coded and the codes maintained as confidential before being handed over for assessment to the examiner. Assessment of the answer scripts by examiners pertaining to districts other than where the exams were conducted are to be encouraged by the Principal officer.
12. Subject to availability of adequate funds under TA and DA in the concerned MMDs, internal examiners may be rotated between the MMDs as deputed by the Chief Examiner of Engineers
13. From January 2015, the MMDs may commence assessment/booking for ETO examinations commencing in the month of March 2015.

This issues with the approval of the competent authority.



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