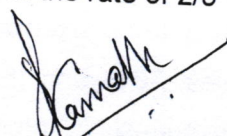


Directorate General of Shipping, Ministry of Shipping, Govt. of India, Mumbai		
Approved by the Director General of Shipping	Examination, Assessment & Certification (EAC) Branch	IS/ISO Clause No.7.5.1
	Subject: Qualifying sea service to be eligible for appearing in MEO Class IV Examination (candidates performing sea service during day or night time on harbour crafts/tugs operating in Indian ports).	ENGINEERING CIRCULAR NO.04 of 2018
	File No: ENG/EXAM/CIRC-25(1)/2017	Dated: - 09.8.2018

1. Noting that the eligibility for appearing in Marine Engineer Officer Class IV Certificate of Competency examination has been prescribed in Rule 35 of Merchant Shipping (STCW) Rules, 2014 and the said rule among others requires candidate to be in possession of minimum six (6) months approved sea-going service consisting of 4 months propelling days on board merchant ships after having completed their pre-sea training and that such sea-going service is duly documented in an approved Training, Assessment and Record Book (TAR Book).
2. Realising that many candidates, after having completed their pre-sea Marine Engineering training from shore based training institutes, are unable to complete the aforesaid approved sea-going service of 6 months and hence not able to qualify to appear in MEO Class IV CoC examination owing to non-availability of adequate number of sea going ships.
3. Recognising that several harbour crafts/tugs registered under M.S. Act are operating in India and are available to provide such on-board training, but do not have the accommodation to accommodate the trainees.
4. In consideration of the foregoing, the Competent Authority has now decided that such candidates, as mentioned above, will be permitted to obtain their 6 month qualifying sea service on operational harbour crafts/tugs registered under M.S. Act and having engine power of not less than 750 kW subject to compliance with the followings by all concerned:
 - (i) Candidates have performed the approved sea-going service and engine room certified watch keeping duties under the supervision of the Chief Engineer Officer or a Certified Engineer Officer.
 - (ii) Evidence to having performed at least eight (8) hours of watch-keeping, excluding breaks, during their day duties from 0800 hrs to 1800 hrs and are staying ashore during night in accommodation arranged by the ship-owner/company of such harbour tug.

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- (iii) 1/3rd of such sea service shall be performed during night (staying shore during day).
- (iv) No harbour craft/tug shall have more than 2 candidates as engineer trainee at a time.
- (v) The Qualifying sea service on such crafts/tugs shall be counted at the rate of 2/3rd of the actual service performed.


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