	<u>DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING,</u> <u>GOVT. OF INDIA, MUMBAI</u>	IS/ISO Clause No. 8.5.1
Ref.: QMS EACQP WPI-8.5-02A-02	Subject: Requirement of ETO TAR Book for Trainee Electro-Technical Officers	File No. ENG/ EXAM-CIRC/ 25(01)/2017(Pt)
Approved by the Chief Surveyor to the Govt. of India.	Instructions to Examiners- Circular No. 145 of 2019	Date: 09.01.2019

1. Introduction and Requirement:

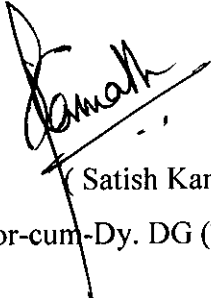
- (i) RECALLING that the International Maritime Organization has effected major amendments in the year 2010 to the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watch keeping for Seafarers, 1978 (STCW, 1978) and one of these amendments have prescribed requirements for the issuance of Certificate of Competency as Electro-Technical Officer (ETO) under STCW Regulation III/6. The said 2010 amendments of STCW 78, named as Manila amendments, had entered into force on 1st January 2012. The transition period for complete compliance with the 2010 Manila amendments was until 31st December 2016.
- (ii) RECOGNIZING that the Regulation III/6, Paragraph 2.2 of STCW 2010 amendments stipulates requirement for sea-going service of trainee ETOs to be well documented in a Training and Assessment Record Book (TAR BOOK).
- (iii) NOTING that in order to give effect to the STCW 2010 amendments, the Government of India has notified the Merchant Shipping (STCW) Rules, 2014 on 30th July 2014 and the requirement for the sea going service for trainee ETOs to be well documented in a Training and Assessment Record Book (TAR BOOK) has been specified in paragraph 2(b) of the Rule 48 in Chapter III of the said rules.
- (iv) NOTING ALSO that the Directorate has received communication that MMDs are not verifying the TAR book during eligibility assessment of candidates applied for ETO examination stating that the DGS circular 131 of 2015, which is used for assessment for ETO examination, does not explicitly mention the requirement of TAR BOOK,



- (v) NOTING FURTHER that the Directorate has approved the ETO onboard training TAR Books in August 2015 and since then same is made available to Trainee ETOs through the Institute of Marine Engineers (I), Nerul, Navi Mumbai.
- (vi) RECALLING FURTHER that the DGS circular 131 of 2015 refers to the Training Circular no. 1 of 2011 dated 10.02.2011 on subject "*Guidelines for conducting pre-sea Training and Certification of Electro-technical officers for Merchant Ships*" which clearly specifies the on board training and the requirement of TAR book in clause 6.4.
- (vii) IN CONSIDERATION OF ALL THE ABOVE the Directorate clarifies that the DGS circular 131 of 2015 is to be read with the associated circulars as referred therein i.e., it is to be read with STCW Training Circular No.01 of 2011 and dated 10.02.2011 and 08 of 2011 along with the Merchant Shipping (STCW) Rules, 2014 which mentions the applicability of the TAR book and that it is binding on all the ETO candidates.

2. Applicability of the ETO TAR Book :

The DGS approved ETO onboard TAR Book is applicable to the Trainee Electro Technical Officers, who have performed sea going service on or after 31st August 2015.



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