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Sub: Clarification regarding booking and appearing in competency examinations of the nautical discipline – reg.

1. The Directorate has been receiving queries from candidates regarding their eligibility to appear in written and oral examination of the Certificate of Competency examinations. In this regard, the following clarifications are issued for the benefit of the candidates and to ensure uniformity of procedures across all the Mercantile Marine Department (MMDs).
2. Online Booking window for the nautical grade competency examinations in the E-Governance portal will generally be opened on 16th day of every month and will be closed 05 calendar days before the commencement of the examination scheduled in the following month.
3. It needs to be noted that NO changes have been made by the Directorate regarding the booking requirement for fresh candidates for competency examination. Candidates appearing in competency examination of a particular grade for the first time are required to continue to book ALL subjects of the written examination of all functions of that particular grade during the first attempt. Such fresh candidates (1st attempt), who are eligible to appear for oral examination upon completion of all the required modular courses, in addition, if they so desire may also book ALL functions of the oral examination of that grade in the same month or the next month prior the results of written examination are declared..

It means fresh candidates appearing/appeared in written exams (waiting for results) are ALLOWED to book for oral examination in the same month or the next month.

4. Candidates who have passed all written papers of a particular function may book oral of that function. If a candidate fails in a written paper, he/she demonstrates lack of knowledge in that particular function. Hence, such candidates CANNOT book for oral exam of that function till he/she clears all written papers of that particular function.

5. Repeater candidates may appear for written and/or oral examination 'FUNCTION WISE' and be eligible for appearing in the oral examination of that particular function after clearing all the written papers of that function as stated in Para4 of this circular.

6. As per the existing practice candidates shall ensure minimum of one month gap between two consecutive attempts of written/oral examinations. However, Candidates who have PASSED ALL the WRITTEN papers of all the functions of the particular grade are eligible to book and appear for oral examination EVERY MONTH.

Illustration:

- a) *Candidate appeared for written examination in January will be able to appear for written examination from March onwards (as per the declared examination schedule) as January written exam results will normally be declared in February.*
- b) *Candidate appeared for oral examination in January is not eligible to appear for oral examination of the same function in February. However, as mentioned above in para 6 of this circular candidates who have passed all the written papers of all the functions of the particular grade are eligible to book and appear for oral examination every month.*
- c) *If any candidate due to some reason, is ABSENT in the examination in January, he/she may be ALLOWED to book and appear in next consecutive month i.e. February.*

7. **De-linking of Signal Examination from Function 1 oral** - Signal examination of 2nd Mate (FG) & NWKO (NCV) grades have two components, i.e. signal visual and signal oral examination. Examination of oral aspects of signal examination is conducted along with the Navigation Oral examination (Function 1). The signal (visual) exam is however held separately every month. Candidates booking for Navigation function orals are allowed to appear for Signal visual examination of that month automatically. Candidates who wish to appear only for Signal visual can make booking manually as per the existing practice and send the booking and payment details to the respective MMD through email.
8. Candidates will be considered as PASSED in the Navigation function only after the candidate completes written, Signal Visual and Oral examination of the Navigation Function which includes Signal oral aspects.
9. For cases where candidates have passed the Signal examination but have failed the Function 1 Oral Exam, the candidate may re-book through the existing online process, including the payment of the Function 1 oral exam fee.
10. If a candidate fails the Signal visual examination, the candidate needs to continue to re-book the Signal exam at the respective MMDs by the existing manual process.
11. This is issued with the approval of the Chief Examiner of Master and Mates and Nautical Advisor to Govt. of India (i/c).



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