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DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI

DGS Nautical Wing Examination Circular No. 07 of 2025

Directorate General of Shipping, Mumbai Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways, Govt. of India.		
Authorized by the	Examination, Assessment & Certification (EAC) Branch	IS / ISO Clause No. 7.5.1
Chief Examiner of Master & Mates	Subject- Procedure for retaining validity of previously passed subjects in Nautical examinations	N. T. Wing Exam Circular No. 07 of 2025
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1. Mindful of the fact and noting that the Government of India is Party to the STCW Convention, 1978 as amended issued NT Circular No. 05 of 2005 dated 6th May 2005 to confirm to the stakeholders the validity of successful completion of relevant subject(s) under the applicable function(s) for various grades of Certificate of Competency.

2. The Directorate's NT Circular No. 05/2005, dated 6th May 2005, set a five-year validity period for written or oral or both subjects as the case may be passed under the relevant function(s) and level of responsibility for the Certificate of Competency (CoC) examinations. This framework was instituted as per the provisions of Merchant Shipping (MS) STCW, 1998 Rules as amended. These Rules were based on the provisions of 1995, STCW amendments. The said circular ensured the continued competency of those seafarers who passed their written or oral or both examinations, as the case may be.

3. Considering the fact the STCW amendments with wider scope of application and innovative methods of training entered in to force fully, the Directorate in consultation with the stakeholders decided to carry out thorough evaluation of the existing policy for extending the validity of the subjects passed under the relevant grades of certificates of competency.

4. Considering the foregoing, it has been decided that the validity of previously passed function/subject of the Nautical grade competency examination can be extended beyond the five-year threshold subject to the conformance with conditions set out below at the time of submitting the application for the Certificate of Competency for the relevant grade of examination by the candidate.

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a. meets the standard of fitness as prescribed by the MS STCW, 2014 Rules; &

b. Establish continued professional competence in accordance with Standard A-II/1 or A-II/2 as the case may be of the STCW code by demonstrating compliance with one of the following requirements:

i) Successful completion of a minimum of twelve months of approved sea service within the last five years preceding the application for the Certificate of Competency,

OR

ii) Attendance at the post-sea course at the approved MTI of the DGS relevant to the subject(s)/Function(s) as the case may be for which validity is lapsed, within five years preceding the application for the Certificate of Competency,

OR

iii) Appear in Written or oral examination as the case may be and thereafter successfully passing the relevant subject(s) under the Function(s) within five years preceding the application for the Certificate of Competency.

5. This circular supersedes the Directorate's NT Circular No. 05/2005, dated 6th May 2005, and will take immediate effect.

This is issued with the approval of the Chief Examiner of Master and Mates.



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