

**[PRC BOARD FOR MARINE DECK OFFICERS AND
BOARD FOR MARINE ENGINEER OFFICERS JOINT
RESOLUTION NO. 08-01, S. OF 2008, July 24, 2008
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**ASSIGNMENT OF A SINGLE PREFIX "D3" AND "E3" TO THE
CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION/LICENSE OF MARINE DECK
OFFICERS AND MARINE ENGINEER OFFICERS, RESPECTIVELY, IN
THE OPERATIONAL LEVEL**

WHEREAS, Section 10 of Republic Act No. 8544, otherwise known as the "Philippine Merchant Marine Officers Act of 1998", provides for the powers and duties of the Boards for Marine Deck Officers and Marine Engineer Officers (Boards).

WHEREAS, Section 10 (g) of Republic Act No. 8544 provides that the Boards shall look into the conditions affecting the practice of the Maritime Profession and whenever necessary, adopt such measures as may be deemed proper for the enhancement and maintenance of high professional and ethical standards of the profession.

WHEREAS, the Boards are empowered to promulgate and adopt rules and regulations necessary for carrying out the provisions of Republic Act No. 8544 pursuant to Section 10(a) thereof.

WHEREAS, the Commission issued Memorandum Circular No. 2001-12 on October 15, 2001, wherein the licensure examinations for Third and Second Mates for Marine Deck Officers and Fourth and Third Engineers for Marine Engineer Officers were merged into a single examination for marine officers in the operational level, known as Officer In Charge of a Navigational Watch and Officer In Charge of an Engineering Watch.

WHEREAS, in separate Resolutions by the Boards in the year 2003, prefixes were assigned to the Certificate/License of Marine Deck Officers and Marine Engineer Officers in the Operational Level.

WHEREAS, the Boards perceived that there is a need to revise the assignment of prefix to the Certificate of Registration/License of the Marine Deck Officers and Marine Engineer Officers in the Operational Level into a single prefix, "D-3" and "E-3", respectively, considering that the revised STCW Convention has been implemented for a considerable period of time.

WHEREFORE, the Board RESOLVE, as it is hereby RESOLVED, as follows:

1. Successful examinees in the Officer in Charge of a Navigational Watch and Officer in Charge of an Engineering Watch licensure examinations shall be issued a Certificate of Registration/License with the corresponding prefix of "D-3" and "E-3", respectively; and