

**[PRC MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 2000-8,
August 11, 2000]**

**AMENDMENT TO MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 99-19, SERIES
OF 1999 (REVISED GUIDELINES IN THE REVALIDATION OF
STCW '78 CERTIFICATES FOR SERVICE BEYOND 31 JANUARY
2002)**

After a careful perusal of Paragraphs 1 and 2 of Article VI-Policies, Paragraphs 4 and 5 of Article VII-Documentary Requirements for Management and Operational Level, and Paragraphs 1 (Categories A and B) and 2 (Category C) of Article VIII-Qualification requirements, of Memorandum Circular No. 99-19, series of 1999, it is deemed necessary to amend said paragraphs to conform with the recent developments arising from their implementation.

SECTION 1. Paragraphs 1 and 2 of Article VI-Policies, Paragraphs 4 and 5 of Article VII-Documentary Requirements for Management and Operational Level, and Paragraphs 1 (Categories A and B) and 2 (Category C) of Article VIII-Qualification Requirements, of Memorandum Circular No. 99-19, series of 1999, are hereby amended to read as follows:

"VI. POLICIES

"1. Applicant must be, medically fit, particularly with good eyesight and hearing. The medical certificate required by these guidelines must be issued by a Department of Health (DOH) accredited medical clinic or hospital conducting physical and medical examination for seafarers in accordance with the minimum standards set in the STCW Code. The DOH accredited medical clinic or hospital must have at least a Quality Standards System (QSS) in place in accordance with Section A-I/8 and Section B-I/8 of the STCW Code.

"2. The training courses required by these guidelines must be taken from maritime training centers whose training programs/courses are accredited by the Maritime Training Council. The marine deck officer shall submit proof of relevant in-service experience or such other documentary proof that he has undergone the required training course/s in which other documentary proof of training may be allowed. In the latter case however, the maritime deck officer shall undergo the required training course from maritime training centers whose training programs/courses are accredited by the Maritime Training Council, should the member of the Board/qualified assessor finds that the applicant is not competent to serve in the capacity specified.

"VII. DOCUMENTARY REQUIREMENTS FOR MANAGEMENT AND
OPERATIONAL LEVEL

"4. One (1) year accumulated approved seagoing service during the preceding five (5) years.

a) Company Certification of Sea Service. The Certification shall include the type of vessel, the rank occupied, vessel's gross tonnage, vessel's trading area and inclusive dates of sea service.

b) Seafarer's Identification and Record Book (SIRB) one photocopy each of pages one and two, and other pages reflecting sea service. (In case of lost/damaged SIRB, any acceptable substitute documentary proof of sea service and affidavit of loss shall be required)

"5. Certificates/Documentary proof of Training in the appropriate courses required together with one photocopy for each certificate/documentary proof.

"VIII. QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Master and Chief Mate (Management Regulation II/2)	Level-	Second Mate and Third Mate (Operational Regulation II/1)	Level-
FOR CATEGORIES A and B: 1. Have completed and duly certificated with the following approved training courses:		FOR CATEGORIES A and B: 1. Have completed and duly certificated with the following approved training Courses:	
1.1 Advanced Fire fighting		1.1 Basic Safety Training	
1.2 Personal Safety and Social Responsibilities		1.1.1 Personal Survival Techniques	
1.3 Medical Emergency-First Aid		1.1.2 Fire Prevention and Fire fighting	
1.4 Medical Care		1.1.3 Elementary First Aid	
1.5 GMDSS (GOC)		1.1.4 Personal Safety and Social Responsibility	
1.6 RSC		1.2 GMDSS (GOC)	
1.7 ARPA		1.3 RSC	
1.8 Proficiency in Survival Craft and Rescue Boat		1.4 ARPA	
1.9 Ship Simulator and Bridge Teamwork Rescue		1.5 Advanced Firefighting	
1.10 Proficiency in Fast Rescue Boat (if applicant will board a ship equipped with fast rescue boats)		1.6 Proficiency in Survival Craft and Boat	
1.11 ECDIS (if applicant will board a ship equipped with ECDIS)		1.7 Medical emergency-First Aid	
		1.8 Proficiency in Fast Rescue Boat (if applicant will board a ship equipped with fast rescue boats)	