

**[PRC BOARD FOR MARINE DECK OFFICERS
RESOLUTION NO. 12, SERIES OF 1996, September
30, 1996]**

**TRAINING IN MARINE TECHNICAL AND/OR UPGRADING
COURSES WITH THE USE OF SIMULATORS AS A PREREQUISITE
IN TAKING THE LICENSURE EXAMINATION FOR MARINE DECK
OFFICERS**

The Philippines is a member of the International Maritime Organization and a signatory to the 1978 STCW Convention.

The STCW Convention was amended in 1995 and among the amendments introduced and approved by the Convention is the use of simulators in the mandatory simulator-based training of Marine Deck and Engine Officers.

As a signatory to the Convention, the Philippines is obliged to comply with the provisions of the STCW Convention as amended in 1995 on the use of simulators in the mandatory simulator-based training of seafarers in both the operational and management level of Marine Deck Officers.

WHEREFORE, the Board hereby resolves to require training with the use of simulators in marine technical and/or upgrading courses for the operational and management levels of Marine Deck Officers in the National Maritime Polytechnic in Tacloban, Leyte or in any training center or institution equipped with complete simulators accredited or recognized by the Maritime Training Council of the Philippines as a prerequisite for the taking of licensure examination for Marine Deck Officers.

Starting with the March, 1997 Marine Deck Officers licensure examination, any candidate for said examinations shall be required to present to the Examination Division of the PRC, before he is allowed to take the examination, an authentic or authenticated copy of certificate of completion or diploma of mandatory simulator-based training in marine technical and/or upgrading courses as follows:

Courses for Operational Level

Third Mate

1. Electronic Navigation System
2. Radar Observation Course
3. Marine Meteorology

Second Mate

1. Radar Simulator Course