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**Subject:** Clarification to existing provision within TEAP Manual Part A, Chapter III related to issuance of steam/motor endorsement to MEO Class I / Class II CoC holders, reg.

**I. Background**

The Training, Examination and Assessment Programme (TEAP) manual part 'A' issued by the Directorate General of Maritime Administration (DGMA) has specified processes to bridge the competency gap for any candidate holding a MEO Class I / MEO Class II Certificate of Competency (CoC) [limited to either motor ship or steam ship]; and, who requires to have an endorsement for either steam / motor, as applicable for sailing on such ships with certification as an Officer in Charge of an Engineering Watch.

There has been numerous queries from stakeholders related to application of the requirement for candidates falling in the category referred above. This circular is issued for offering clarification to the TEAP manual part A and provide a clearer interpretation of the above-mentioned provisions.

**II. Existing provisions within the TEAP manual part A**

TEAP Manual-A, Chapter III, Table III/16-1, prescribes qualifying sea service and propelling time for candidates following the career progression path from MEO Class IV onwards, distinct for motor, steam and combined motor plus steam categories.

Further, under Para 5.4 of the said Chapter '**Qualifying Sea Service for Steam / Motor Endorsement**', the mandatory requirement including the sea service for endorsement are specified. The TEAP Manual includes the following statement:

*“Those candidates who possess valid MEO Class I & II Certificate of Competency and desire to obtain MEO Class IV Certificate of Competency (Steam/Motor) may apply to the MMD for oral examination only.”*

The TEAP manual, in order to facilitate the candidates holding a valid superior CoC such as MEO Class I or MEO Class II, has a reference to a Simulator Course in **Ship's Steam / Motor Power Plant**, conducted at a DGMA, approved maritime training institute or by the Shipping Company on Watch Keeping and Operation of Ships Steam /Motor Plant, whereby, the candidates can avail an exemption on the sea-time requirement.

### III. Clarification

The following clarifications are hereby provided for the benefit of the candidates who wish to have a MEO Class IV (motor/steam) endorsement on their valid MEO Class I or Class II CoC issued with limitation of either steam or motor:

- (a) The candidates in this category are not required to complete additional qualifying sea service and can apply to the Mercantile Marine Department (MMD) assessment centre for MEO Class IV oral examination, provided, they have completed the applicable Steam/Motor Power Plant Simulator Course, which shall essentially include, Watchkeeping and Operation of Ship's Steam/Motor Plant course, approved by the Directorate General of Maritime Administration.
- (b) On successfully passing the oral examination and fulfilment of all other applicable requirements, the candidate shall be eligible to be issued with the corresponding MEO Class IV steam/motor endorsement, as applicable.
- (c) If the candidate does not undergo the simulator course, the candidate shall have to serve as an 'Assistant Engineer' to a Senior Engineer in full charge, for a period of minimum one month, onboard a steam/motor ship as applicable, of 750 kW and above. The sea service must be supported by a testimonial issued by the Chief Engineer of the ship.
- (d) Thereafter, the candidate shall comply with the qualifying sea service, examination and other applicable requirements prescribed in TEAP Manual-A, Chapter III, Table III/16-1, for issuance of MEO Class II and subsequently MEO Class I Certificate of Competency/endorsement, in motor or steam, as applicable.

### IV. Applicability

The above clarification is issued for the benefit of all shipping companies planning deployment of Indian CoC holders on different types of ships and to guide existing CoC holders who intend to acquire the certification beyond the limitation imposed on their existing CoCs. The assessment centre's shall be guided by this clarification for having a uniform implementation of the provisions under Chapter III of the TEAP manual, part A.

This Circular is issued with the approval of the Chief Examiner of Engineers.



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