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Subject: Mandatory minimum requirements for issuance of certification of ratings as able seafarers deck.

To: Myanmar Maritime University, Myanmar Mercantile Marine College, MFSL, All Maritime Training Centers, MSF's and MYANSEA.

1. In pursuant to implementation of STCW 78 and amended, the Department of Marine Administration hold the examination and issue the certificate of Proficiency for Able seafarer deck serving on a ship of 500 gross tonnage or more.
2. To qualify for the issue of an AB certificate, a seafarer must have:
 - 2.1 be not less than 18 years of age;
 - 2.2 meet the requirements for certification as a rating forming part of a navigation watch;
 - 2.3 while qualified to serve as a rating forming part of a navigational watch, have approved seagoing service in the deck department of:
 - 2.3.1 not less than 18 months,
 - 2.3.2 obtained an EDH certificate,
 - 2.3.3 hold eye sight test certificate and
 - 2.3.4 Steering Certificate or Equivalent document.
3. Meet the standard of competence specified in section A-II/5 of the STCW Code.

4. The seafarers have served in as A/B capacity in the deck department for the period of not less than 12 months within the last 60 months preceding the entered into force of this regulation (1st January 2012) , who are required to update their qualification by attending upgrade course approved by DMA.

For Director General,
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