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**Applicable to:** Myanmar Maritime University, Myanmar Mercantile Marine College, Myanma Five Star Line, Myanmar Seamen's Federation, Myanmar Seamen Employment Association, Private Maritime Training Centers and Nautical & Engineer Surveyors .

**Subject: Revalidation and Up-gradation of Certificates**

1. In pursuant to Manila Amendment of STCW 78, the certificate issued or endorsed to master, officer and radio operator under Chapter II, III , IV& V who is serving at sea or intends to return to sea after a period ashore, shall, in order to continue to qualify for seagoing service, be required, at intervals not exceeding five years, to:
  - 1.1 meet the standards of medical fitness prescribed by regulation I/9; and
  - 1.2 establish continued professional competence in accordance with section A-I/11 of the STCW Code.
2. Every master, officer and radio operator shall, for continuing seagoing service on board ships for which special training requirements have been internationally, agreed upon, successfully complete approved relevant training.
3. Every master and officer shall, for continuing seagoing service on board tankers, meet the requirements in paragraph 1 of regulation I/11 and be required, at intervals not exceeding five years, to establish continued professional competence for tankers in accordance with section A-I/11, paragraph 3 of the STCW Code.
4. The term "Continued professional competence under section A I/11" means that the following criteria will be required as stated belows:
  - 4.1 approved seagoing service, performing functions appropriate to the certificate held, for a period of at least:

- 4.1.1 twelve months in total during the preceding five years, or
  - 4.1.2 three months in total during the preceding six months immediately prior to revalidating; or
  - 4.2 having performed functions considered to be equivalent to the seagoing service required in paragraph 4.1.1; or
  - 4.3 passing an approved test; or
  - 4.4 successfully completing an approved training course or courses; or
  - 4.5 having completed approved seagoing service, performing functions appropriate to the certificate held, for a period of not less than three months in a supernumerary capacity, or in a lower officer rank than that for which the certificate held is valid immediately prior to taking up the rank for which it is valid.
5. In addition, the continued professional competence for tankers as required under regulation I/11, paragraph 3, will be included as stated below:
- 5.1 approved seagoing service, performing duties appropriate to the tanker certificate or endorsement held, for a period of at least three months in total during the preceding five years; or
  - 5.2 successfully completing an approved relevant training course or courses.
6. The refresher and updating courses required by regulation I/11 shall be approved and included changes in relevant national and international regulations concerning the safety of life at sea, security and the protection of the marine environment and take account of any updating of the standard of competence concerned.
7. DMA has formulated to promote the structure of refresher and upgrading courses for the respective CoC and CoP as provided for in section A-I/11 of the STCW Code.

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