

## LOCAL VESSELS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### Qualification of Authorized Surveyors

#### Purpose

This paper aims to seek the endorsement from members for the proposed amendment to the professional qualification requirements of Authorized Surveyors. The purpose of the amendment is to make the description of the professional qualification of Authorized Surveyors more accurate in order to remove the ambiguities. Nevertheless, no amendment to the working experience requirements of Authorized Surveyors is proposed.

#### Background

2. An applicant should hold the required professional qualification and working experience before he would be considered to be authorized by the Marine Department as an Authorized Surveyor under the existing requirements. The current professional qualification requirements are as below:

- (a) Registered as a Registered Professional Engineer (Marine and Naval Architecture Discipline) and having his name on the register established under section 7 of the Engineers Registration Ordinance (Cap 409); or
- (b) Corporate (professional) membership of a maritime institute acceptable to the Director of Marine.

#### Proposal

3. As survey works are delegated by MD to Authorized Surveyors and therefore they should have an equivalent qualification to MD surveyors. The existing professional qualification requirements listed in paragraph 2 above were made according to this principle but the description does not reflect clearly the intention of including the various disciplines/qualifications of MD surveyors. In order to facilitate the effective assessments on applications submitted for authorization by MD as Authorized Surveyors, the following

revised professional qualification requirements are proposed in the table shown below and is highlighted in red :

	<b>Existing requirements</b>	<b>Proposed new requirements</b>
<b>Qualification for Authorized Surveyor</b>	(i) Registered as a Registered Professional Engineer (Marine and Naval Architecture Discipline) and having his name on the register established under section 7 of the Engineers Registration Ordinance (Cap 409); or  (ii) Corporate (professional) membership of a maritime institute acceptable to the Director of Marine	(i) Registered as a Registered Professional Engineer (Marine and Naval Architecture Discipline) and having his name on the register established under section 7 of the Engineers Registration Ordinance (Cap 409); or  (ii) <b>The qualifications acceptable to the Director of Marine for the recruitment by MD as a Ship Surveyor.</b>

The principle of the above amendment proposal was agreed by the Sub-committee on Survey Works of Local Vessels at the meeting of 31 December 2013. As such, the amendment proposal will be applied to applications received after 31 December 2013.

#### **Endorsement sought**

4. Members of this Committee are hereby invited to endorse the amendment proposal. Any comments on this paper should be returned to the Secretary on or before 12 February 2014.

Marine Department  
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