

LOCAL VESSELS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Amendment of Requirement for Production of Valid Certificate of Eyesight Test in Chapters 4.3 of Existing Examination Rules

Purpose

This paper aims at enhancing the existing examination rules by waiving the requirement for applicants for a Coxswain Certificate or Pleasure Vessel Operator Certificate of Competency of any grade (“the Certificate”) to produce a valid certificate of eyesight test upon an application for a replacement of “the Certificate” (see Annex).

Background

The fourth chapters of the Examination Rules for Pleasure Vessel Operator Certificate of Competency and the Examination Rules for Local Certificates of Competency set out the minimum requirement on eyesight standards for applicants. Applicants for “the Certificate”, whether for first issue, revalidation or replacement, are also required to produce a valid certificate of eyesight test so as to ensure that the vessel operators attain the prescribed eyesight standards upon the issue and reissue of “the Certificate”.

Proposed Amendment

After reviewing the relevant requirements in the two examinations rules above, the Marine Department considers it undesirable to require applicants to produce a valid certificate of eyesight test upon an application for a replacement of “the Certificate” and proposes that the requirement be removed. However, the requirement for applicants to produce a valid certificate of eyesight test upon the first issue or revalidation of “the Certificate” remains unchanged.

Advice Sought

Members are invited to give their views on the proposed amendment.

Shipping Division
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Examination Rules for Pleasure Vessel Operator Certificate of Competency

4.3 All applicants for a Pleasure Vessel Operator Certificate of any grade (including those applying for revalidation) are required to produce a certificate issued by a registered medical practitioner or registered optometrist attesting that the applicant has attained the above eyesight standards within the 12 months preceding the application.

Examination Rules for Local Certificates of Competency

4.3 All applicants for a Coxswain Certificate of any grade (including those applying for revalidation) are required to produce a certificate issued by a registered medical practitioner or registered optometrist attesting that the applicant has attained the above eyesight standards within the 12 months preceding the application.