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**Notice to all Owners, Masters, Officers, Ratings, and those concerned with maritime training.**

**Criteria of Eligibility for Certificate of Competency Examinations as Officer in Charge of a Navigational Watch on Ships of 500 GT or more (Unlimited) OR Certification of Officer in Charge of an Engineering Watch of Ships Powered by Main Propulsion Machinery of 750 kW or more, for the Ratings who can demonstrate 36 months of Approved Seagoing Service.**

**1. Purpose**

This notification provides instructions and criteria for seafarers with a proven 36-month record of approved sea service, enabling them to enroll in the preparatory course aimed at achieving certification under the STCW Convention as a navigating watchkeeping officer on vessels of 500 gross tons or more, **OR** as an engineering watchkeeping officer on ships with main propulsion machinery of 750 kW or more.

**2. Requirement**

Letter of Eligibility (LOE) shall be obtained by a candidate to enroll in the preparatory course and every candidate to obtain the LOE shall have;

- (a) Sea service in accordance with the provisions of Regulation 9(1)(b) for deck department ratings **OR** Regulation 11(1)(b)(iii) for engine department ratings under the Merchant Shipping (Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers) Regulations, 2016, as amended, and
- (b) Duly completed an approved training record book (TRB) or a training record book acceptable to the Director General of Merchant Shipping which encompasses the minimum required areas as of an approved TRB; and
- (c) Medical fitness certificate issued in accordance with the above regulations by an approved medical practitioner.

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