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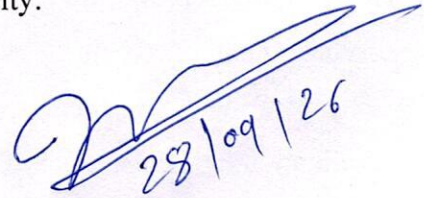
DGMA NT/ENG CIRCULAR 64 OF 2026

File No. 25-13012/1/2026-NT-DGS Comp No. 39439		Date: 28-09-2026
Authorised By : Chief Examiner of Master and Mates & Chief Examiner of Engineers.	Subject:- Extension of validity of Certificates of Competency (CoC), Certificates of Proficiency (CoP) and other STCW certificates in view of the continued heightened security situation in the Red Sea, Gulf of Aden, Black Sea and Middle East / West Asia region – reg.	
1. The Directorate General of Maritime Administration, as the Maritime Administration of India, places paramount importance on the safety and welfare of Indian seafarers and the uninterrupted operation of vessels. 2. DGMA had earlier issued DGS Circular No. 17 of 2026 dated 29.03.2026, providing extension of validity of specified CoCs, CoPs, endorsements and other STCW certificates in view of the prevailing security situation in the Middle East / West Asia region. 3. In view of the continued heightened maritime security situation in the Red Sea, Gulf of Aden, Black Sea, Middle East / West Asia region and adjoining waters, Indian seafarers serving onboard vessels operating in or transiting through such areas may continue to face operational, logistical and safety-related difficulties in completing the renewal or revalidation of their statutory certificates. 4. Considering the continuing extraordinary circumstances arising from the prevailing security situation, and with a view to facilitating Indian seafarers who are unable to complete the renewal or revalidation of their certificates due to such circumstances, the Directorate has decided to further extend the validity of the certificates specified below, subject to the conditions contained herein. 5. Accordingly, the validity of the following certificates held by Indian seafarers serving onboard Indian-flagged vessels or foreign-flagged vessels is hereby further extended for a period of three (03) months from the date of expiry of the certificate or until the seafarer signs off from the vessel, whichever is earlier: a) Certificates of Competency (CoC) issued to officers; b) Certificates of Proficiency (CoP) issued to ratings and trainees; c) Certificates of Proficiency for specialized operations, including Tankers, IGF Code ships, Polar Waters operations, Passenger Ships, etc.; and		

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- d) Endorsements attesting recognition of a Certificate of Competency.
6. The above extension of three (03) months from the original date of expiry shall also be applicable to certificates or documentary evidence in respect of the following STCW basic and advanced safety training courses, or their Refresher Training Courses:
- a) Personal Survival Techniques (PST);
 - b) Fire Prevention and Fire Fighting (FPFF);
 - c) Personal Safety and Social Responsibilities (PSSR) Upgradation;
 - d) Proficiency in Survival Craft and Rescue Boats (PSCRB);
 - e) Advanced Fire Fighting (AFF);
 - f) Medical First Aid (MFA); and
 - g) Medical Care (MC).
7. This extension shall be applicable only to Indian seafarers who are serving onboard vessels as on the date of issuance of this Circular and who are unable to complete the renewal or revalidation of their certificates due to the prevailing security situation.
8. This measure is being issued as a temporary facilitative measure in view of the continuing extraordinary security circumstances. The Directorate shall continue to monitor the situation and may issue further advisories or directions, as considered necessary.
9. All Shipping Companies, RPSL agencies, MMDs and Indian seafarers are advised to take note of the above provisions and ensure compliance.

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.



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- 1. All MMDs.
- 2. All Shipping Companies.
- 3. All RPSL Companies.
- 4. All Indian Seafarers.
- 5. E-Governance Cell – for uploading on DGMA website.