

**MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR
NO.05-09-01**

SUBJECT; GUIDELINES FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY AND ENDORSEMENT (COC-E) TO A HOLDER OF RADIO ELECTRONIC CERTIFICATE (REC) IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATION I/2, PARAGRAPH 4 OF THE STCW CONVENTION

Pursuant to Act 3846, as amended, E.O. 546, Chapter NIX Article 55 of the ITU Radio Regulations, Regulation I/2 and Article VI of STCW –95 Convention, the National Telecommunications Commission hereby promulgates the following guidelines for the issuance in a single instrument a Certificate of Competency and Endorsement (COC-E) and adopts a format as prescribed under Section A-I/2, paragraph 1 of the STCW Code, as Annex A.

1. A Certificate of Competency and Endorsement under the provisions of the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW) 1978, as amended in 1995, shall be issued to a qualified individual who meets the following requirements:
 - a. Holder of a valid Radio Electronic Certificate (REC) until its expiry date or must have passed the required examination for Radio Electronic Certificate;
 - b. Presently on board an international sea-going vessel employed as radio electronic officer/technician or upon certification by the employer that he/she will be hired or employed as such.
2. The certificate of Competency and Endorsement shall bear the control number as that of the Radio Electronic Certificate. The former shall have the validity period co-terminus with the validity period of the latter, but not to exceed five (5) years.
3. The Commission shall charge an annual Certificate and Endorsement fee in the amount of Three Hundred Eighty Pesos (PHP 380.000);
4. The Certificate of Competency and Endorsement shall be in the standard security form as prescribed by the Maritime Training Council, to be signed by the Commissioner.

All applicants shall adhere strictly to the provisions of the herein prescribed guidelines and any misrepresentation made by any applicant shall be a valid ground for the revocation or suspension of the certificates issued and/or the imposition of the appropriate penalties in accordance with law.

This Circular takes effect immediately and supersedes any existing NTC order, Instruction or memorandum of part thereof, which is inconsistent herewith.

11 September 2001, Quezon City, Philippines.

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