



REPUBLIC OF MAURITIUS

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MERCHANT SHIPPING NOTICE Ref: 1 of 2018

Title: Sea service remission for PSCRB Course

Notice to: **Maritime Training Institutions, Seafarers Recruitment and Placement Service Provider / Ship operators/ Ship Owners**

The objective of this Merchant Shipping Notice is to provide instructions to all those concerned on review of the admission criteria for the Proficiency in Survival Craft and Rescue Boats (Other than Fast Rescue Boats) course following several requests received from Maritime Training Institutions and Seafarers Recruitment and Placement Service Provider

1. Following the huge demand for seafarers to join the cruise industry (e.g. cruise ships); the Director of Shipping has received several requests regarding the review in the rules for admission to the PSCRB (other than fast rescue boats) course.
2. For obvious reasons new seafarers do not possess the required sea-service of either 6 months plus training or 12 months as stated in STCW Regulations VI/2.
3. According to various recruitment agencies, ship owners/operators are requiring all new crew members to follow the PSCRB Course prior joining the ship.
4. In order not to jeopardise the opportunities that are being offered to Mauritians, the Director of Shipping has considered the case and come up with a solution that would ease up the problem.
5. As from 09 May 2018 and until further notice, any seafarer having successfully completed the four elements of Basic Safety Training (BST) may be admitted to the PSCRB (other than fast rescue boats) as follows: -
 - a. Attend the full course at an approved Maritime Training Institution (while being medically fit). **No assessment would be required at that time.**

- b. After completion of the course, the Maritime Training Institution shall issue to the trainee an "Attestation" (***Model as at Annex A***) to the effect that the course has been attended.
- c. Once in possession of the document as in (b) above, the seafarer shall proceed on-board and complete a minimum of six (6) months of sea-service as required.
- d. Upon his/her return to Mauritius, the seafarer shall sit for the required examination at the respective Maritime Training Institution and upon being successful, will be issued with a "*Certificate of Proficiency*" in "*Proficiency in Survival Craft and Rescue Boats (Other than Fast Rescue Boat)*".
- e. All Maritime Training Institutions adopting this system shall forward the lists of their trainees undergoing this training to the Ministry.
- f. **Prior embarking on requirement 5(d) above, any seafarer shall have his/her sea-service duly assessed by the Director of Shipping and be given the required authorisation to sit for the examination.**

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ANNEX A
MODEL OF “ATTESTATION”

ATTESTATION OF PSCRB (other than fast rescue boat) TRAINING

Document No:

Service Provider Approval Certificate Number: *(Issued by the Director of Shipping)*

Address and contact details (including telephone and email of Approved Training Institution)

ATTESTATION OF PSCRB (other than fast rescue boat) TRAINING

This is to certify that [*full name of Trainee*]

Date of Birth [*MM/DD/YYYY*]

Discharge Book Number:.....

National ID



has completed a programme of training approved by the Director of Shipping as meeting the requirements laid down in:

Regulation VI/2 ,Section A-VI/2 and Table A-VI/2-1 of the 1978 STCW convention (as amended)

This Attestation is issued under the authority of the Ministry of Ocean Economy, Marine Resources, Fisheries and Shipping
(Shipping Division)

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Signature of Principal or Authorised Representative...
of the Approved Training Centre

Issuing Authority stamp and Date of issue

Signature of person to whom this certificate is issued.....

Valid for nine (9) months ONLY from the date of issue.

Note: This is NOT a Certificate of Proficiency.

This document must be surrendered to the issuing Authority at the time of expiry.

Inquiries concerning this document should be addressed to the issuing Authority at the address above.