

**[ PRC BOARD FOR MARINE DECK OFFICERS  
RESOLUTION NO. 08-12, S. OF 2008, May 02, 2008  
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**IMPLEMENTATION OF THE APPROVED EDUCATION AND  
TRAINING UNDER PARAGRAPH 2, REGULATION II/2 OF THE  
1978 STCW CONVENTION, AS AMENDED**

WHEREAS, paragraph 2, Regulation II/2 of the 1978 STCW Convention, as amended, provides that candidates for certification as Master and Chief Mate on ships of 500 gross tonnage or more must have completed the approved education and training and meet the standards of competence specified in section A-II/2 of the STCW Code.

WHEREAS, in compliance with the said requirement, the Maritime Training Council (MTC) developed an approved education and training program for candidates for certification as Master and Chief Mate on ships of 500 gross tonnage or more and adopted as the "Management Level Course".

WHEREAS, the Management Level Course has been approved by the MTC for implementation under Resolution No. 03, series of 2005.

WHEREAS, the completion of the approved education and training under paragraph 2, Regulation II/2 of the said Convention, named as the "Management Level Course", was required under Section 28, Article VI of Board Resolution No. 02-04, the Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act No. 8544.

WHEREAS, in the implementation of the approved education and training under paragraph 2, Regulation II/2 of the said Convention, named as the "Management Level Course", an Officer in Charge of a Navigational Watch with at least six (6) months approved seagoing service may opt to either enroll and complete the Management Level Course before taking the licensure examination to prepare themselves and enhance their chances of passing, or directly take the licensure examination without enrolling and completing the Management Level Course.

WHEREAS, the Board deems it necessary to provide for the policies and guidelines in the implementation of the Management Level Course.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board RESOLVES, as it is hereby RESOLVED, that:

- 1) All Chief Mates and Master Mariners who are already licensed or duly registered with the Commission are EXEMPTED from taking the Management Level Course.
- 2) All Officers-in-Charge of a Navigational Watch who will take the Chief Mate Licensure Examination shall be covered by this Resolution.