

**[PRC BOARD OF MARINE ENGINEER OFFICERS
RESOLUTION NO. 14, S. 1999, May 07, 1999]**

**ACCEPTING APPLICANTS FOR THE FOURTH ENGINEER OFFICERS
LICENSURE EXAMINATION WHO HAVE QUALIFIED UNDER THE
OLD BSMARE CURRICULUM UP TO THE JULY 2001 MARINE
ENGINEER LICENSURE EXAMINATION**

WHEREAS, Section 17 (d) of P.D. No. 97, as amended (The Decree Regulating the Merchant Marine Profession in the Philippines), provides that an applicant for examination as Fourth Marine Engineer Officer must at least be a second year high school recognized by the government having served at least five years as apprentice engineer, oiler, or machinist on vessels propelled by motor or steam engines of not less than two hundred fifty BHP.

WHEREAS, Section 23 of the same Decree provides that after five years from the approval of this Act (the Act was approved on January 13, 1973), an examinee for the Fourth Marine Engineer Officers must be a graduate of the Marine Engineering School or its equivalent degree and has served for at least two years as apprentice engineer, oiler or machinist after graduation.

WHEREAS, P.D. No. 97, as amended, had been in full force and effect until it was repealed by R.A. No. 8544 known as the "Philippine Merchant Marine Officers Act of 1998" approved on February 25, 1998 (see Sec. 38, R.A. No. 8544).

WHEREAS, Paragraphs 1 and 2 of Regulation 1/15 (Transitional Provisions) Chapter I of the Amended annex to the 1978 STCW Convention provide/s:

"1. Until 1 February 2002, a party may continue to issue, recognize and endorse certificates in accordance with the provision of the Convention which applied immediately prior to 1 February 1997 in respect of those seafarers who commenced approved seagoing service, an approved education and training programme or an approved training course before 1 August 1998.

"2. Until 1 February 2002, a Party may continue to renew and revalidate certificates and endorsements in accordance with the provisions of the Convention which applied immediately prior to 1 February 1997."

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WHEREAS, Paragraph 4 (a) of Section 21, Article VI of Resolution No. 1 (revised), Series of 1999 of the Board, provides insofar as pertinent;

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"4. FOURTH ENGINEER OFFICER (750 KW or more)