

**[ NTC MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 9-7-98, July 20, 1998 ]**

**GUIDELINES IN THE ISSUANCE OF RESTRICTED OPERATOR'S CERTIFICATE**

<DIV ALIGN = "JUSTIFY">In compliance with ITU Radio Regulations, Chapter NIX Article 55 and the provisions of Section IV-2, STCW Convention of 1995 on the issuance and use of Global Maritime Distress Safety System (GMDSS) Certificates, the National Telecommunications Commission (NTC) pursuant to the powers vested upon it hereby promulgates the guidelines for training, qualifications, examination and the issuance of a Restricted Operator's Certificate:

1. A holder of a Restricted Operator's Certificate (ROC) shall be one who has qualified and passed the required NTC examination and has shown knowledge and professional competence and qualification in the following aspects:

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1.1 Practical knowledge of the operation of the GMDSS sub-systems and equipment which is required while the ship is sailing within the range of VHF coast stations;

1.2 Ability to send and receive correctly by radiotelephone;

1.3 Knowledge of the regulations applying the radiotelephony communications specifically those relating to the safety of life;

1.4 An elementary knowledge of one of the working languages of the ITU. Candidates should be able to express themselves satisfactorily in that language, both orally and in writing.

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2. General Qualifications of an applicant for a Restricted Operator's Certificate:

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2.1 He must be a Filipino citizen, at least 21 years old and of good moral character.

2.2 He must have attended the prescribed training course on ROC offered by duly accredited radio training school.

2.3 He must be a licensed deck officer.

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3. Examination Elements - The ROC examination shall comprise of the following elements: