

**[POEA MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 07, s. 1997,
April 14, 1997]**

**RECRUITMENT OF SEAFARERS WITH TRAINING CERTIFICATES
ISSUED BY THE ACCREDITED TRAINING CENTERS**

Pursuant to the Minimum Requirements and Qualification Standards for Entry and Promotion to Grade of Filipino Seafarers, as amended, and in conformity with IMO Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW) 1978 Convention, as amended in 1995 and Maritime Training Council Rules and Regulations governing the establishment of training centers and accreditation of IMO related and MTC approved training programs, the following rules shall be adopted:

1. Licensed agencies, duly authorized/accredited shipping/manning agencies can recruit any seafarers with training certificates issued by maritime training centers duly accredited by the Maritime Training Council.
2. Only training certificates issued by such accredited maritime training centers shall be accepted for purposes of registration of seafarers and documentation for overseas shipboard employment.
3. Shipping/manning agencies or applicant seafarers who submit fraudulent/fake/tampered training certificates and/or training certificates issued by any Maritime Training Center without authorization and accreditation from the Maritime Training Council to conduct such course/s for registration and documentation purposes shall be governed by the provisions of Memorandum Circular No. 32, Series of 1996 on Submission of Fake or Tampered Documents for Seafarers Registration.
4. Shipping/manning agencies shall not require their applicant seafarers to undergo again the same courses already taken from any accredited Maritime Training Council in any training Center of their choice in order to avoid duplication and additional cost to the seafarers.

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately.

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