

**[POEA MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 001 s. 1993,
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**REITERATION OF THE ADOPTION OF THE MINIMUM
REQUIREMENTS AND QUALIFICATION STANDARD FOR ENTRY
AND PROMOTION TO GRADE OF FILIPINO SEAFARERS
(MRQSEPG) AND STREAMLINING OF THE REGISTRATION
PROCESS FOR SEAFARERS**

I.

In consonance with the government objective to provide equal opportunity to all qualified Filipinos desiring to work onboard ocean-going vessels, a joint resolution by heads of member agencies of the Maritime Training Council under LOI 1404 and the National Maritime Polytechnic adopting Minimum Requirements and Qualification Standard for Entry and Promotion to Grade of Filipino Seafarers (MRQSEPG) was signed on May 10, 1991 as the bases for issuance of Seaman's Service Record Book, certification, registration/documentation, and placement on board ocean-going vessels of Filipino seafarers, both officers and ratings.

Under the new MRQSEPG, applicants who are graduates of maritime and related courses, or with at least one year sea experience, as well as high school graduates or with sufficient related land experience are qualified to be registered and participate in the overseas employment program.

Applicants who can not meet the minimum requirements but are being hired by manning agencies/shipping companies may be registered under the C3 category. This shall, however, be limited to positions specified in the new MRQSEPG and approval shall be subject to the presentation of the following documents:

1. Guaranty Undertaking of the manning agency/shipping company (new format attached)
2. Certification by the school re registrant's highest educational attainment
3. Employment Contract
4. Medical Certificate of Fitness
5. Approved Routing Slip issued to the manning agency/shipping company by the Seafarers Accreditation Division.

II.

Streamlining of the Registration
Process of Seafarers