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**Subject: Clarification regarding refresher course for Medical First Aid and Medical Care at intervals of 5 years – reg.**

1. The Directorate has received several requests to clarify whether a candidate in possession of Medical First Aid Certificate and/or Medical Care Certificate issued under the provisions of Chapter VI/I & VI/4 of STCW Convention is required to attend refresher course for the said courses at intervals of five years.
2. The STCW Convention does not specify any requirement for undergoing the said courses (i.e. Medical First Aid course and Medical Care course) or attend any refresher course regarding the same at intervals of 5 Years.
3. The Maritime Labour Convention (MCL) 2006 at Guideline line B4.1.1.3. (Provision of medical care) indicates that *seafarer with the approved medical first-aid training required by STCW, or seafarers with approved training in medical care required by STCW and such other seafarers as may be required by the competent authority should undergo, at approximately five-year intervals, refresher courses to enable them to maintain and increase their knowledge and skills and to keep up-to-date with new developments*
4. Para (1) of Article VI of the Maritime Labour Convention specifies that provisions of Part B of the Code are **NOT MANDATORY**. Hence, the provisions at Part B of the Code only needs due consideration while the provisions of the Maritime Labour Convention is implemented.
5. Considering the foregoing, it is clarified that **THERE IS NO REQUIREMENT** for a candidate in possession of 'Medical First Aid' Certificate and/or 'Medical Care' Certificate to mandatorily again attend the said course(s) at intervals of 5 years. Instead, every candidate in possession of 'Medical First

Aid' Certificate and/or 'Medical Care' Certificate is required to complete the e-learning module pertaining to 'Medical First Aid' and/or 'Medical Care' available in the DG Shipping website at intervals of every 5 years. The candidate needs to take a print of the course completion certificate from DGS website and keep it along with the original 'Medical First Aid' Certificate and/or 'Medical Care' Certificate (as appropriate). Copy of this MSN may also be kept along with the course completion certificate, if deemed necessary.

6. This is issued with approval of the Director General of Shipping and Additional Secretary to the Government of India.



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