

TESDA CIRCULAR

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In the interest of the service and with a view to strengthen TESDA's delivery capability in the assessment and certification of seafarers to ensure compliance with the requirements of the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006, the MACU-NCR shall be revived as an accredited competency assessment center for Portfolio Assessment for Ships' Catering Services NC I (Messman) and NC II (Cook).

Hence, the conduct of Portfolio Assessment for SCS NC I and II for NCR **shall be centralized at MACU – NCR**, while only Performance Assessment shall be allowed at TESDA NCR-accredited competency assessment centers. However, accredited competency assessment centers in other regions outside of NCR shall continue to conduct Portfolio and Performance Assessment.

The following guidelines are hereby issued in the conduct of Portfolio Assessment:

1. Under the portfolio assessment, seafarers with at least 18 months of seagoing experience as Messman or Ship's Cook are qualified to apply for assessment by submitting all the documentary requirements as identified in TESDA Circular No. 12-A, series of 2013. In cases of doubt, the accredited competency assessors reserve the right to require the presence of the candidate for personal interview.
2. TESDA – NCR shall establish a pool of accredited competency assessors specifically for Portfolio Assessment.
3. The MACU-NCR shall start accepting application for Portfolio Assessment **effective 15 January 2014**.
4. The Certification Office (CO), in coordination with MACU – NCR shall conduct a one-day orientation for competency assessors to be selected by NCR to conduct portfolio assessment.
5. The TESDA – NCR shall immediately inform all its accredited competency assessment centers for SCS NC I and II of this concern.

This Order shall take effect as indicated and supersedes all issuances inconsistent hereof.


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