

## **MARINE DEPARTMENT NOTICE NO. 42/2023**

(Miscellaneous Information)

### **Authorization of the Institute of Professional Education And Knowledge to conduct Pleasure Vessel Operator Grade 2 Certificate Examination**

To enhance efficiency and quality of services to the public, Marine Department (“MD”) authorizes the Institute of Professional Education And Knowledge (“PEAK”), a member of the Vocational Training Council (“VTC”) Group, to conduct Pleasure Vessel Operator Grade 2 Certificate (“PVOC2”) Examination. The new arrangement will be implemented from April 2023.

2. Under the new arrangement, applicants may submit their application to the PEAK Examination Centre for the PVOC2 examination by post or via the Online Registration System starting from 13 March 2023. The candidates who pass both Part A and Part B of the PVOC2 Examination may apply for a certificate at MD, with an issuing fee of \$220, in person, by eBS or by mail.

3. The Examination Rules for Pleasure Vessel Operator Certificate of Competency (“Exam Rules”) and the Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels)(Local Certificates of Competency) Rules have been amended to include relevant applications, examination procedures, general requirements and specific fees as required. For examination conducted at PEAK, please refer to Chapter 6 of the new Exam Rules. The new Rules have been uploaded to the website of MD.

[https://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/pub\\_services/pdf/examrules\\_ploc.pdf](https://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/pub_services/pdf/examrules_ploc.pdf)

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4. MD will continue to accept PVOC2 examination applications until 31 March 2023. Between 13 March and 31 March 2023, candidates who wish to sit for PVOC2 examinations may enroll at either MD or PEAK Examination Centre. From 1 April 2023 and onward, all candidates should only enroll at PEAK Examination Centre.

5. Candidates who have already enrolled for the examination at MD should attend the examination in MD at the appointed time. Candidates who fail to attend the examination punctually will be considered as absence and their

results will be regarded as failed.

6. Candidates who have already enrolled for the examination at MD may also cancel their previous enrollment at MD and enroll at PEAK Examination Centre. Candidates need to apply for the cancellation with refund at MD by completing a refund form together with the original receipt (except applications made online) at least 10 working days before the previously enrolled examination date.

7. For enquiry, please contact the River Trade and Local Examination Section at:

Address: 3/F Harbour Building, 38 Pier Road, Central, Hong Kong  
Email: local\_crt@mardep.gov.hk  
Tel.: 2852 4349

8. For enrollment and examination procedures of PEAK Examination Centre, please contact PEAK at:

Address: 1/F, VTC Tower, 27 Wood Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong  
Email: cpdc@vtc.edu.hk  
Tel.: 2919 1467

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