

## **MARINE DEPARTMENT NOTICE NO. 255/2022**

(Miscellaneous Information)

### **Implementation of Endorsement Scheme for Fast Speed Passenger Vessels**

This Notice serves to inform owners, coxswains, engine operators, and approved course providers that a new endorsement scheme for the Local Certificate of Competency for coxswains and engine operators (collectively as “Operators”) operating local fast speed passenger vessels (“FSPVs”) will be implemented on **1 January 2023**.

2. Under the new scheme, all Operators should hold the endorsement for operating FSPVs. The Examination Rules for Local Certificates of Competency (“Exam Rules”) and the Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels)(Local Certificates of Competency) Rules (“MS Rules”) have been amended to include the new endorsement.

3. To apply for the endorsement, please refer to the requirements in Chapter 10 of the January 2023 Edition of the Exam Rules. The updated Exam Rules is posted on MD’s website:

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

4. The following endorsement will be added to the list of Schedule 2 of the endorsements for Coxswains (Grade 1, 2 and 3) and Engine Operators (Grade 1, 2 and 3) of the amended MS Rules.

*“The holder of this endorsement may operate [Type A and/or Type B] Fast Speed Passenger Vessels in accordance with the restrictions of this certificate. This endorsement is valid until [DATE].”*

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

5. For enquiry, please contact the River Trade and Local Examination Section (Address: 3/F Harbour Building, 38 Pier Road, Central, Hong Kong, Tel.: 2852 4368, Fax: 2541 6754, email: [ssrtl@mardep.gov.hk](mailto:ssrtl@mardep.gov.hk)).

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