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**Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels)  
(Local Certificates of Competency) Rules**

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# **MERCHANT SHIPPING (LOCAL VESSELS) (LOCAL CERTIFICATES OF COMPETENCY) RULES**

(Made under section 16(2) of the Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) Ordinance (Cap. 548))

## **PART 1**

### **PRELIMINARY**

#### **1. Commencement**

These Rules shall come into operation on the day appointed for the commencement of section 16 of the Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) Ordinance (Cap. 548).

#### **2. Interpretation**

In these Rules, unless the context otherwise requires —

“aggregate power” (總功率), in relation to a local vessel, means the total power of all the vessel’s propulsion engines measured in kW as specified in the certificate of survey or certificate of inspection issued to the vessel in accordance with the provisions of the Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) (Safety and Survey) Regulation (Cap. 548 sub.leg.G);

“application” (申請) means an application under these Rules;

“certificate of ownership” (擁有權證明書) has the same meaning as in section 2 of the Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) (Certification and Licensing) Regulation (Cap. 548 sub.leg.D);

“Class I vessel” (第 I 類別船隻) means a local vessel which is certificated for a Class I vessel in accordance with the provisions of the Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) (Certification and Licensing) Regulation (Cap. 548 sub.leg.D);

“Class III vessel”(第 III 類別船隻) means a local vessel which is certificated for a Class III vessel in accordance with the provisions of the Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) (Certification and Licensing) Regulation (Cap. 548 sub.leg.D);

“competency examination”(適任能力考試) means an examination conducted under section 16(1) of the Ordinance for the grant of a local certificate of competency;

“copy certificate”(證明書副本) means a copy of a local certificate of competency issued under section 8;

“Coxswain Certificate”(船長證明書) means a Coxswain Grade 1 Certificate, Coxswain Grade 2 Certificate or Coxswain Grade 3 Certificate;

“Coxswain Grade 1 Certificate”(船長一級證明書) means a local certificate of competency certifying that the holder of the certificate may act as the coxswain of any local vessel that is —

- (a) not a pleasure vessel; and
- (b) of gross tonnage not more than 1 600;

“Coxswain Grade 2 Certificate”(船長二級證明書) means a local certificate of competency certifying that the holder of the certificate may act as the coxswain of any local vessel that is —

- (a) not a pleasure vessel;
- (b) of not more than 24 m in length; and
- (c) of not more than 26.4 m in length overall.

“Coxswain Grade 3 Certificate”(船長三級證明書) means a local certificate of competency certifying that the holder of the certificate may act as the coxswain of any local vessel that is —

- (a) not a pleasure vessel;
- (b) of not more than 15 m in length; and
- (c) of not more than 16.5 m in length overall.

“Engine Operator Certificate”(輪機操作員證明書) means an Engine Operator Grade 1 Certificate, Engine Operator Grade 2 Certificate or Engine Operator Grade 3 Certificate;

“Engine Operator Grade 1 Certificate” (輪機操作員一級證明書) means a local certificate of competency certifying that the holder of the certificate may act as an engine operator of any local vessel that —

- (a) is not a pleasure vessel; and
- (b) has an aggregate power not more than 3 000 kW;

“Engine Operator Grade 2 Certificate” (輪機操作員二級證明書) means a local certificate of competency certifying that the holder of the certificate may act as an engine operator of any local vessel that —

- (a) is not a pleasure vessel; and
- (b) has an aggregate power not more than 1 500 kW;

“Engine Operator Grade 3 Certificate” (輪機操作員三級證明書) means a local certificate of competency certifying that the holder of the certificate may act as an engine operator of any local vessel that —

- (a) is not a pleasure vessel; and
- (b) has an aggregate power not more than 750 kW;

“examination rules”(考試規則) means rules that are made by the Director for the purpose of conducting competency examinations;

“fast speed passenger vessel” (快速客船) means a Class I vessel that has a maximum sustainable speed of above 20 knots in its normal operational conditions and under normal weather and sea condition (as specified in the Certificate of Survey of the vessel);

“fishing vessel”(漁船) means any vessel employed in sea fishing plying regularly in the waters of Hong Kong, or using the waters of Hong Kong as a base;

“gross tonnage”(總噸位) in relation to a local vessel, means the gross tonnage of the vessel as specified in the licence of the vessel;

“Guangdong/Hong Kong mobile fishing vessel” (粵港流動漁船) means a Class III fishing vessel, fish carrier or fishing sampan in respect of which a valid Guangdong/Hong Kong/Macau Mobile Fishing Vessel Registration Book issued by the PRC Public Security and Border Patrol Department;



“length” (長度), in relation to a local vessel, means the length as specified in section 2 of the Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels)(Safety and Survey) Regulation (Cap. 548 sub.leg.G);

“length overall”(總長度), in relation to a local vessel, means the length overall as specified in section 2 of the Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) Ordinance (Cap. 548);

“licence of a vessel” (船隻牌照), means the full licence or temporary licence issued to a vessel in accordance with the provisions of the Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) (Certification and Licensing) Regulation (Cap. 548 sub.leg.D);

“Ordinance” (條例) means the Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) Ordinance (Cap. 548);

“Pleasure Vessel Operator Certificate” (遊樂船隻操作人證明書) means a Pleasure Vessel Operator Grade 1 Certificate or Pleasure Vessel Operator Grade 2 Certificate;

“Pleasure Vessel Operator Grade 1 Certificate” (遊樂船隻操作人一級證明書) means a local certificate of competency certifying that the holder of the certificate may act as the pleasure vessel operator of any pleasure vessel;

“Pleasure Vessel Operator Grade 2 Certificate” (遊樂船隻操作人二級證明書) means a local certificate of competency certifying that the holder of the certificate may act as the pleasure vessel operator of a pleasure vessel that is of not more than 15 m in length overall;

“registered medical practitioner”(註冊醫生) has the same meaning as in section 2 of the Medical Registration Ordinance (Cap. 161);

“specified fee” (指明費用) means a fee specified in —

- (a) Part 1 of Schedule 1 in relation to a competency examination; or
- (b) Part 2 of that Schedule in relation to the grant or issue of a local certificate of competency;

“specified form”(指明表格) means a form specified by the Director in relation to an application;

“specified map” (指明海圖) means the map specified in Schedule 4;

“Type Rating Certificate” (類型級別證明書) means a local certificate of competency certifying that the holder of the certificate may man a specific station (such as Coxswain, Assistant Coxswain or Engine Operator) on board a particular Class I vessel that is a dynamically supported craft;

“written examination” (筆試) includes an examination that requires the candidate to read and answer the questions by using a computer;

### **3. Classes and grades of certificates**

(1) Local certificates of competency are divided into 4 classes, namely Coxswain Certificates, Engine Operator Certificates, Pleasure Vessel Operator Certificates and Type Rating Certificates.

(2) Coxswain Certificates are divided into 3 grades, namely Coxswain Grade 1 Certificates, Coxswain Grade 2 Certificates and Coxswain Grade 3 Certificates.

(3) Engine Operator Certificates are divided into 3 grades, namely Engine Operator Grade 1 Certificates, Engine Operator Grade 2 Certificates and Engine Operator Grade 3 Certificates.

(4) Pleasure Vessel Operator Certificates are divided into 2 grades, namely Pleasure Vessel Operator Grade 1 Certificates and Pleasure Vessel Operator Grade 2 Certificates.

(5) Type Rating Certificates are not divided into different grades, but are issued to certify a specific station such as: Coxswain, Assistant Coxswain or Engine Operator of a particular Class I vessel that is a dynamically supported craft that the holder of the certificate is qualified to man.

### **4. Endorsement on certificates**

(1) The Director may make on a local certificate of competency specified in column 2 of Schedule 2 any of the endorsements specified against that certificate in column 3 of that Schedule.

(2) The Director may remove any endorsement that has been made on a local certificate of competency.

(3) A local certificate of competency shall take effect subject to any endorsement made on the certificate.

## **5. General provisions relating to applications**

(1) An application shall be made to the Director in the specified form and accompanied by the appropriate specified fee (if any).

(2) The appropriate specified fee shall be decided by reference to the certificate to which the application relates.

(3) As soon as practicable after receiving an application, the Director shall determine the application and notify the applicant of the result.

(4) In notifying the applicant that the application has been refused, the Director shall state the reasons for the refusal.

## **PART 2**

### **GRANT OF CERTIFICATES AND COPY CERTIFICATES**

## **6. Grant of certificates**

(1) A person may apply for a local certificate of competency if the person —

(a) has passed the competency examination that is relevant to the grant of the certificate; or

(b) is exempted under Part 3 from undergoing that examination; or

(c) has met the eligibility criteria for the issue of the certificate as specified in the examination rules.

(2) On being satisfied that the person is fit to hold the certificate, the Director shall approve the application and grant the certificate accordingly.

## **7. Combination of certain certificates**

(1) This section applies to a person who holds, or is to be granted with, 2 or more local certificates of competency specified in any item in column 2 of Part 2 or 3 of Schedule 3.

(2) If so applied by the person, the Director shall combine the certificates in one document and issue to the person the Pleasure Vessel Operator Certificate specified opposite that item in column 3 of Part 2 or 3 of Schedule 3.

(3) If the application is made by a person who holds 2 or more local certificates of competency specified in column 2 of Part 2 or 3 of Schedule 3, the Director may refuse to release the combined certificate unless the person has surrendered those former certificates related to pleasure vessel to the Director.

## **8. Issue of copy certificates**

(1) If a local certificate of competency is lost, destroyed, damaged or defaced, the holder of the certificate may apply for a copy of that certificate.

(2) The application shall be accompanied by a declaration that sets out the circumstances in which the certificate was lost, destroyed, damaged or defaced.

(3) Upon the issue of a copy certificate, the certificate that was lost, destroyed, damaged or defaced ceases to be valid.

# PART 3

## COMPETENCY EXAMINATIONS AND EXEMPTIONS

## **9. Competency examinations**

(1) A person may not take a competency examination unless the person has paid the specified fee in relation to that examination.

(2) The subjects to be taken in a competency examination and the standard of competency to be attained in order to pass the examination shall be as set out in the examination rules.

(3) A competency examination shall be conducted in accordance with the examination rules.

**10. Cancellation or amendment of the examination date**

(1) Subject to subsection (3), a candidate may cancel, postpone or bring forward the taking of an examination by advising the Director by written notice that must be received by the Director at least 10 working days before the day appointed for the examination.

(2) Any fee paid in respect of such cancelled examination shall either be refunded to the candidate on return of the original payment receipt or, if so requested by him, be held to his credit for a future examination.

(3) Only one postponement/bringing forward arrangement of an examination will be permitted unless there are exceptional circumstances warranting a second postponement or bringing forward of an examination date.

**11. Failure to attend an examination without prior notice of cancellation or postponement**

If a candidate fails to appear punctually for an examination at the time, on the date, and at the place specified by the Director in the relevant receipt of examination fee or notification of examination,

- (1) he will be regarded as having failed the examination;
- (2) no part of the fee paid by the candidate in respect of the examination shall be refunded;
- (3) his next appointment will be arranged to the last appointment date of his specific examination type; and
- (4) no further postponement/bringing forward arrangement will be allowed

unless —

- (a) the candidate has notified the Director in accordance with subsection 10(1); or

- (b) the candidate produces a medical certificate issued by a registered medical practitioner certifying his inability to attend the examination within two weeks of the scheduled examination date; or
- (c) the Director is satisfied that the candidate was unable to attend the examination due to circumstances which was beyond his control.

## **12. Cancellation of examination by Director**

(1) The Director shall not permit a candidate to take any examination under these rules unless he is satisfied that the candidate —

- (a) is eligible to take the examination; and
- (b) is the person in respect of whom the application for the examination has been made.

(2) If before the commencement, or during the course, of an examination, the Director becomes aware that any candidate has any physical or other disability which in his opinion would render the candidate incapable of performing the duties of a coxswain or engine operator of a local vessel or an operator of a pleasure vessel, as the case may be, the Director shall not permit the candidate to take or complete the examination.

(3) Where the Director does not permit a candidate to take or complete an examination under subsection (1) or (2) —

- (a) he shall state his reasons on the candidate's application form; and
- (b) the fee paid by the candidate shall be refunded.

(4) In the event of a candidate failing the sight test which is conducted as part of a competency examination, he is not permitted to take the remaining part of the examination. The balance of the relevant fees paid for the examination, less the fee for sight test as specified in item 9 of Part 1 of Schedule 1, will be refunded to the candidate.

### **13. Review of examination results**

(1) Any candidate who has failed an examination and is aggrieved by the result of the examination may within 30 days of being informed of his result, request in writing the Director to review the result.

(2) A request for review shall be accompanied by the fee as specified in Part 1 of Schedule 1.

(3) Upon receipt of a request under subsection (2), the Director shall review the examination result to which the request relates and notify the candidate of his decision as soon as practicable.

(4) If upon review of the examination result the Director decides that the candidate should be considered to have passed the examination, the fee paid under subsection (2) shall be refunded to the candidate.

### **14. Exemption of certain certificate holders**

The Director may exempt a person from any part of a competency examination if –

- (a) the person has furnished to the Director such documentary evidence, duly authenticated, proving that he holds a certificate that is relevant to the standard of competency required for passing that part of the examination (whether it is a certificate of competency issued or deemed to be issued by the Director under the Shipping and Port Control Ordinance (Cap. 313) or the Merchant Shipping (Seafarers) Ordinance (Cap. 478), or by any other competent authorities recognized by the Director); and
- (b) the Director is satisfied that the person has attained that standard.

### **15. Exemption of persons having completed recognized training courses**

(1) If the Director is satisfied that the completion of a training course enables a person to attain the standard of competency required for passing a competency examination, the Director may recognize the course in respect of the examination.

(2) If the Director has recognized a training course under subsection (1) in respect of a competency examination, a person who has completed the course is exempted from the examination.

## PART 4

### VALIDITY OF CERTIFICATES AND EXTENSION

#### **16. Period of validity**

A local certificate of competency becomes valid when it is granted and expires —

- (a) in the case of a Type Rating Certificate, at the end of 2 years after the day on which it is granted; or
- (b) in the case of any local certificate of competency other than a Type Rating Certificate, when the holder of the certificate attains the age of 65,

unless it is cancelled or suspended under the Ordinance or any subsidiary legislation made under the Ordinance.

#### **17. Extension of Type Rating Certificates**

(1) The holder of a Type Rating Certificate may apply for extension of the certificate.

(2) The application shall be made within 3 months before the expiry of the certificate.

(3) If the Director is satisfied that the applicant is fit to hold the certificate for the extended term referred to in subsection (4), the Director shall approve the application.

(4) If the Director approves the application, the certificate shall be extended for 2 years.



## **18. Extension of certificates other than Type Rating Certificates**

(1) In this section, “certificate” (證明書) means any local certificate of competency other than a Type Rating Certificate.

(2) The holder of a certificate may apply for extension of the certificate.

(3) The application shall be made —

(a) if the holder has not attained the age of 71, within 6 months before the expiry of the certificate; or

(b) if the holder is aged 71 or above, within 3 months before the expiry of the certificate.

(4) If the Director is satisfied that the applicant is fit to hold the certificate for the extended term referred to in subsection (5), the Director shall approve the application.

(5) If the Director approves the application, the certificate shall be extended for —

(a) if the application is one to which subsection (3)(a) relates, 3 years; or

(b) if the application is one to which subsection (3)(b) relates, 1 year.

(6) Holder of an expired certificate may, subject to meeting the following conditions or criteria, apply for issuance of a certificate with the same grade as that of the expired certificate without undergoing the examination specified under Part 3:

(a) (i) the certificate held has expired for less than 12 months; or

(ii) if the certificate has expired for a period of 12 months or more but less than 36 months, a maritime refresher course recognised by the Director must be completed; and

(b) if the certificate applied is of coxswain grade or pleasure vessel operator grade, the applicant must provide an eyesight

test certificate to prove that he has met the eyesight standards set out in the relevant examination rules.

### **19. Physical Fitness for Holder of Certificate**

If a holder of a certificate subsequently suffers from any physical or other disability that would render him incapable of performing the duties of a coxswain or engine operator of a local vessel or an operator of a pleasure vessel, the holder shall inform the Director in writing as soon as possible.

## **PART 5**

### **RECOGNITION OF EQUIVALENCY OF CERTAIN CERTIFICATES**

### **20. Recognition of certificates as equivalent to Pleasure Vessel Operator**

#### **Grade 1 Certificate**

In relation to a person who holds —

- (a) a Coxswain Grade 1 Certificate or Coxswain Grade 2 Certificate; and
- (b) an Engine Operator Certificate (without restriction),

the Director shall recognize those certificates as equivalent to a Pleasure Vessel Operator Grade 1 Certificate.

### **21. Recognition of certificates as equivalent to Pleasure Vessel Operator**

#### **Grade 2 Certificate**

In relation to a person who holds —

- (a) a Coxswain Grade 3 Certificate that is not endorsed to the effect that the holder is restricted to act as the coxswain only within certain areas or of particular type of vessel; and
- (b) an Engine Operator Certificate (without restriction),

the Director shall recognize those certificates as equivalent to a Pleasure Vessel Operator Grade 2 Certificate.

## **22. Equivalency not reciprocal**

For the avoidance of doubt, it is declared that this Part does not require or empower the Director to recognize –

- (a) a Pleasure Vessel Operator Grade 1 Certificate; or
- (b) a Pleasure Vessel Operator Grade 2 Certificate,

as equivalent to any other local certificate of competency.

## **PART 6**

### **PROVISIONS RELATING TO FORMER CERTIFICATES**

## **23. Interpretation of Part 6**

In this Part —

“combination of former certificates” (先前證明書的合併本) means a combination of certificates that were —

- (a) issued or deemed to have been issued under the Shipping and Port Control Ordinance (Cap. 313) (including any subsidiary legislation made under that Ordinance) and specified in column 2 of Part 2 or 3 of Schedule 3; and
- (b) a trawling master certificate of competency, which is specified in column 2 of Part 3 of Schedule 3, issued under the Merchant Shipping Ordinance (Cap. 281).

“commencement date” (生效日期) means the date on which these Rules come into operation;

“former certificate” (先前證明書) means a certificate that was —

- (a) issued or deemed to have been issued under the Shipping and Port Control Ordinance (Cap. 313) (including any subsidiary legislation made under that Ordinance) and specified in column 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 3; and

- (b) a trawling master certificate of competency, which is specified in column 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 3, issued under the Merchant Shipping Ordinance (Cap. 281).

“new certificate” (新證明書) means —

- (a) in relation to a former certificate, the local certificate of competency specified opposite to that former certificate in column 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 3; and
- (b) in relation to a combination of former certificates, the local certificate of competency specified opposite to that combination in column 3 of Part 2 or 3 of that Schedule.

#### **24. Recognition of former certificates and application for new certificates**

(1) The holder of a former certificate or a combination of former certificates may, before the expiry of the certificate or certificates, apply for the new certificate.

(2) Subject to subsection (3), the Director may approve the application and grant the new certificate accordingly.

(3) If the former certificate to which the application relates is one specified in column 2 of Part 4 of Schedule 3, the Director may only grant the new certificate subject to the conditions specified against that former certificate in column 3 of that Part.

(4) Where, immediately before the commencement date —

- (a) an application for examination has been made for the issue of a former certificate specified in column 2 of Part 1 (except item 2) and 4 of Schedule 3; and
- (b) the Director has assigned an examination date which is after the commencement date for the applicant,

the Director may grant the new certificate specified against that former certificate in Column 3 of Part 1 and 4 of that Schedule if the applicant has passed the examination.

**25. Applications for Coxswain Grade 2 Certificates by masters of fishing vessels**

(1) The holder of the former certificate known as local certificate of competency as master of a fishing vessel (without restriction) may, within 2 years after the commencement date, apply for a Coxswain Grade 2 Certificate that is endorsed to the effect that the holder may also act as the coxswain of a fishing vessel of more than 24 m in length.

(2) The Director shall approve the application if the Director is satisfied that the holder has been acting as the master or coxswain of fishing vessels, or local vessels other than pleasure vessels, for a period of not less than 1 year within the 3 years immediately before making the application.

**26. Applications for Engine Operator Grade 3 Certificates by engineers of fishing vessels**

(1) The holder of the former certificate known as local certificate of competency as engineer of a fishing vessel (without restriction) may, within 2 years after the commencement date, apply for an Engine Operator Grade 3 Certificate that is endorsed to the effect that the holder may also act as an engine operator of a fishing vessel that has an aggregate power of not more than 1 500 kW.

(2) The Director shall approve the application if the Director is satisfied that the holder has been acting as an engineer or engine operator of fishing vessels, or vessels other than pleasure vessels, each of which has an aggregate power of more than 750 kW power for a period of not less than 1 year within the 3 years immediately before making the application.

SCHEDULE 1

[s. 2, 12 and 13]

SPECIFIED FEES

PART 1

SPECIFIED FEES IN RELATION TO COMPETENCY EXAMINATIONS

Note:

(1) The fees specified in this Part include the fees for the issue of the appropriate local certificate of competency if a candidate passes an examination.

(2) The fee for a sight test specified in item 9 is included in the fee for a competency examination specified in item 1, 2, 5 or 6 in cases where the sight test is conducted as part of the examination. In the event of a candidate failing the sight test, the balance of the relevant fee paid for the examination, less the fee for sight test, will be refunded to the candidate.

(3) The following fees are specified in relation to each occasion on which a candidate presents himself for examination.

Item	Competency examination	Specified fee \$
1.	Competency examination for the grant of Coxswain Grade 2 Certificates	1,255
2.	Competency examination for the grant of Coxswain Grade 3 Certificates —	
	(a) by written examination	660
	(b) by oral examination	1,140
3.	Competency examination for the grant of Engine Operator Grade 2 Certificates —	
	(a) by written examination	1,255

	(b) by oral examination	1,255
4.	Competency examination for the grant of Engine Operator Grade 3 Certificates —	
	(a) by written examination	660
	(b) by oral examination	1,140
5.	Competency examination for the grant of Pleasure Vessel Operator Grade 1 Certificates (written and oral examination)	1,255
6.	Competency examination for the grant of Pleasure Vessel Operator Grade 2 Certificates —	
	(a) both Part A and Part B	
	(i) by written examination	1,255
	(ii) by oral examination	1,255
Note:		
A candidate must take both Part A and Part B together in the first attempt. If a candidate has passed only one part (i.e. Part A or Part B) in the first attempt, he is allowed to take the remaining part within two years after the date of the first attempt.		
	(b) Part A (Navigation, Seamanship and Safety) only	
	(i) by written examination	660
	(ii) by oral examination	1,140
	(c) Part B (Engineering Knowledge) only	
	(i) by written examination	660
	(ii) by oral examination	1,140
7.	Competency examination for the grant/extension of Type Rating Certificates	To be calculated on an hourly basis by reference to —

		(a) the time spent by each examiner as certified by the Director; and
		(b) \$3,270 for the first hour or part hour and \$1,115 for each subsequent hour or part hour
8.	Practical examination which requires the attendance of an examiner	To be calculated on an hourly basis by reference to —
		(a) the time spent by each examiner as certified by the Director; and
		(b) \$3,270 for the first hour or part hour and \$1,115 for each subsequent hour or part hour
9.	A sight test for any one examination specified in item 1, 2, 5 or 6	270
10	A further sight test on appeal	780



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| 11. | Review of an answer script of any examination<br>under item 1 to 6 of this Part | 1,255 |
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## PART 2

### SPECIFIED FEES IN RELATION TO GRANT OR ISSUE OF CERTIFICATES

Item	Type of certificate	Specified fee \$
1.	Coxswain Certificate without examination	660
2.	Engine Operator Certificate without examination	660
3.	Pleasure Vessel Operator Certificate without examination	660
4.	Extension of Type Rating Certificate without examination	150
5.	Copy certificate	220
6.	Pleasure Vessel Operator Certificate upon passing examinations conducted by authorized/recognized organizations	220

Note: The fee specified in item 1, 2, 3 or 4 of this Part is not payable if a fee specified in Part 1 has been paid in relation to the grant of the certificate through examination.

## SCHEDULE 2

[s. 4]

### ENDORSEMENTS ON LOCAL CERTIFICATES OF COMPETENCY

Item	Local certificate of competency	Endorsements
1.	Coxswain Grade 1 Certificate	<p>(a) The holder of this certificate is restricted to act as the coxswain of a government vessel.</p> <p>(b) The holder of this certificate may also act as the coxswain of (name, certificate of ownership number and gross tonnage of the vessel).</p> <p>(c) The holder of this certificate shall comply with the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(i) To have a physically fit person to assist the certificate holder to perform duties that cannot be physically carried out by the certificate holder;</li><li>(ii) that person must be briefed by the certificate holder about the knowledge on emergency handling onboard at the time the person first joins the vessel;</li><li>(iii) evidence showing the agreement of that person to perform the duties and being briefed of emergency handling knowledge must be kept onboard for inspection by authorized officer; and</li><li>(iv) no fare paying passenger is allowed onboard.</li></ul>

Coxswain Grade 1  
Certificate (Continue)

- (d) The holder of this certificate may also act as the engine operator of a Class III vessel fitted with petrol outboard engine(s) of aggregate power not more than 90 braked horse power (BHP).
- (e) The holder of this certificate is not permitted to operate a Class I vessel in excess of 24 m in length or in excess of 26.4 m in length overall.
- (f) The holder of this certificate may also act as the radar operator.
- (g) The holder of this certificate is restricted to act as the coxswain of (“XXX” (vessel name), certificate of ownership number “XXXX” and gross tonnage “XXX” of the vessel).
- (h) The holder of this endorsement may operate [Category A and/or Category B] Fast Speed Passenger Vessel in accordance with the restrictions of this certificate. This endorsement is valid until [DATE].

2. Coxswain Grade 2  
Certificate

- (a) The holder of this certificate is restricted to act as the coxswain of a government vessel.
- (b) The holder of this certificate may also act as the coxswain of a Class III vessel in excess of 24 m in length.
- (c) The holder of this certificate may also act as the engine operator of a Class III vessel fitted with petrol outboard engine(s) of aggregate power not more than 90 braked horse power (BHP).

Coxswain Grade 2  
Certificate (Continue)

- (d) The holder of this certificate shall comply with the following conditions:
- (i) To have a physically fit person to assist the certificate holder to perform duties that cannot be physically carried out by the certificate holder;
  - (ii) that person must be briefed by the certificate holder about the knowledge on emergency handling onboard at the time the person first joins the vessel;
  - (iii) evidence showing the agreement of that person to perform the duties and being briefed of emergency handling knowledge must be kept onboard for inspection by authorized officer; and
  - (iv) no fare paying passenger is allowed onboard.
- (e) The holder of this certificate may also act as the coxswain of (name, certificate of ownership number and length overall of the vessel).
- (f) The holder of this certificate may also act as the radar operator.
- (g) The holder of this certificate is restricted to act as the coxswain of (“XXX” (vessel name), certificate of ownership number “XXXX” and “XXX” in length overall of the vessel).

- Coxswain Grade 2  
Certificate (Continue)
3. Coxswain Grade 3  
Certificate
- (h) The holder of this endorsement may operate [Category A and/or Category B] Fast Speed Passenger Vessel in accordance with the restrictions of this certificate. This endorsement is valid until [DATE].
  - (a) The holder of this certificate is restricted to act as the coxswain of a government vessel.
  - (b) The holder of this certificate is restricted to act as the coxswain of a craft, except “Kaito”, of not more than 10 m in length and fitted with a diesel engine of not more than 38 kW power within the limits of the permitted areas as shown shaded on the specified map in Schedule 4.
  - (c) The holder of this certificate is restricted to act as the coxswain of an open sampan of not more than 10 m in length and fitted with a petrol outboard engine of not more than 12 kW power, within the limits of the permitted areas as shown shaded on the specified map in Schedule 4.
  - (d) The holder of this certificate is restricted to act as the coxswain of an open sampan of not more than 10 m in length and fitted with a petrol outboard engine of not more than 12 kW power or a craft, except “Kaito”, of not more than 10 m in length and fitted with a diesel engine of not more than 38 kW power within the limits of the permitted areas as shown shaded on the specified map in Schedule 4.

Coxswain Grade 3  
Certificate (Continue)

- (e) The holder of this certificate is restricted to act as the coxswain of any craft, except “Kaito”, which is not more than 10 m in length and fitted with a diesel engine of not more than 38 kW power, within the limits of the specified typhoon shelter only.
- (f) Subject to the unavailability of the refueling facilities inside Aberdeen Typhoon Shelter, the holder of this certificate is also permitted to operate the vessel (“XXX” (vessel name) and certificate of ownership number “XXXX”) without passenger on board, in the Bunker Barge Mooring Area adjacent to the Western Entrance of the typhoon shelter for refueling.
- (g) The holder of this certificate is restricted to act as the coxswain of a Class III fishing vessel, fish carrier, or fishing sampan which is a Guangdong/Hong Kong mobile fishing vessel subject to the following conditions:
  - (i) The holder of this certificate shall present his “recognized certificate”, which is a valid Fishing Vessel Personnel Certificate (Grade 1 Master) issued by the Guangdong Provincial Marine and Fisheries Inspection Bureau, to authorized officer for inspection;
  - (ii) overall length of the vessel is less than 50 m; and

Coxswain Grade 3  
Certificate (Continue)

- (iii) this certificate expires on the expiry date of the “recognized certificate” stated in sub-paragraph (i) of this paragraph.
- (h) The holder of this certificate is restricted to act as the coxswain of a Class III fishing vessel, fish carrier, or fishing sampan which is a Guangdong/Hong Kong mobile fishing vessel subject to the following conditions:
- (i) The holder of this certificate shall present his “recognized certificate”, which is a valid Fishing Vessel Personnel Certificate (Grade 2 Master) issued by the Guangdong Provincial Marine and Fisheries Inspection Bureau, to authorized officer for inspection;
  - (ii) overall length of the vessel is less than 45 m; and
  - (iii) this certificate expires on the expiry date of the “recognized certificate” stated in sub-paragraph (i) of this paragraph.
- (i) The holder of this certificate is restricted to act as the coxswain of a Class III fishing vessel, fish carrier, or fishing sampan which is a Guangdong/Hong Kong mobile fishing vessel subject to the following conditions:



Coxswain Grade 3  
Certificate (Continue)

- (i) The holder of this certificate shall present his “recognized certificate”, which is a valid Fishing Vessel Personnel Certificate (Grade 3 Master) issued by the Guangdong Provincial Marine and Fisheries Inspection Bureau, to authorized officer for inspection;
  - (ii) overall length of the vessel is less than 24 m; and
  - (iii) this certificate expires on the expiry date of the “recognized certificate” stated in sub-paragraph (i) of this paragraph.
- (j) The holder of this certificate may also act as the coxswain of a Class III fishing vessel, fish carrier, or fishing sampan which is a Guangdong/Hong Kong mobile fishing vessel subject to the following conditions:
- (i) The holder of this certificate shall present his “recognized certificate”, which is a valid Fishing Vessel Personnel Certificate (Grade 1 Master) issued by the Guangdong Provincial Marine and Fisheries Inspection Bureau, to authorized officer for inspection;
  - (ii) overall length of the vessel is less than 50 m; and
  - (iii) this endorsement expires on the expiry date of the “recognized certificate” stated in sub-paragraph (i) of this paragraph.

Coxswain Grade 3  
Certificate (Continue)

- (k) The holder of this certificate may also act as the coxswain of a Class III fishing vessel, fish carrier, or fishing sampan which is a Guangdong/Hong Kong mobile fishing vessel subject to the following conditions:
- (i) The holder of this certificate shall present his “recognized certificate”, which is a valid Fishing Vessel Personnel Certificate (Grade 2 Master) issued by the Guangdong Provincial Marine and Fisheries Inspection Bureau, to authorized officer for inspection;
  - (ii) overall length of the vessel is less than 45 m; and
  - (iii) this endorsement expires on the expiry date of the “recognized certificate” stated in sub-paragraph (i) of this paragraph.
- (l) The holder of this certificate may also act as the coxswain of a Class III fishing vessel, fish carrier, or fishing sampan which is a Guangdong/Hong Kong mobile fishing vessel subject to the following conditions:
- (i) The holder of this certificate shall present his “recognized certificate”, which is a valid Fishing Vessel Personnel Certificate (Grade 3 Master) issued by the Guangdong Provincial Marine and Fisheries Inspection Bureau, to authorized officer for inspection;

Coxswain Grade 3  
Certificate (Continue)

- (ii) overall length of the vessel is less than 24 m; and
  - (iii) this endorsement expires on the expiry date of the “recognized certificate” stated in sub-paragraph (i) of this paragraph.
- (m) The holder of this certificate shall comply with the following conditions:
- (i) To have a physically fit person to assist the certificate holder to perform duties that cannot be physically carried out by the certificate holder;
  - (ii) that person must be briefed by the certificate holder about the knowledge on emergency handling onboard at the time the person first joins the vessel;
  - (iii) evidence showing the agreement of that person to perform the duties and being briefed of emergency handling knowledge must be kept onboard for inspection by authorized officer; and
  - (iv) no fare paying passenger is allowed onboard.
- (n) The holder of this certificate of this paragraph is restricted to act as the coxswain of a Class III vessel of not more than 10 m in length subject to the following conditions:

Coxswain Grade 3  
Certificate (Continue)

- (i) Another person to perform lookout duty is required while the certificate holder is plying the vessel in waters of congested marine traffic such as typhoon shelter and anchorage etc.; and
  - (ii) no fare paying passenger is allowed onboard.
- (o) The holder of this certificate may also act as the engine operator of a Class III vessel fitted with petrol outboard engine(s) of aggregate power not more than 90 braked horse power (BHP).
- (p) The holder of this certificate may also act as the coxswain of (“XXX” (vessel name), certificate of ownership number “XXXX” and “XXX” in length overall of the vessel).
- (q) The holder of this certificate is not allowed to operate any vessel —
- (i) in, near or pass through —
    - (a) fairways used by ocean going shipping (except in designated areas);
    - (b) traffic separation schemes; and dynamically supported craft route.
  - (ii) from one permitted area to another; and
  - (iii) in adverse weather conditions.  
(Note: operators should not commence voyages in fog or when the strong monsoon signal or No. 3 or higher typhoon signal is hoisted.)

Coxswain Grade 3  
Certificate (Continue)

- (r) The holder of this certificate may also act as the Coxswain of a Class III vessel in excess of 15 m in length.
- (s) The holder of this certificate may also act as the radar operator.
- (t) The holder of this certificate is restricted to act as the coxswain of (“XXX” (vessel name), certificate of ownership number “XXXX” and “XXX” in length overall of the vessel).

4. Engine Operator Grade 1  
Certificate

- (u) The holder of this endorsement may operate [Category A and/or Category B] Fast Speed Passenger Vessel in accordance with the restrictions of this certificate. This endorsement is valid until [DATE].
- (a) The holder of this certificate is restricted to act as the engine operator of a government vessel.
- (b) The holder of this certificate may also act as the engine operator of (“XXX” (vessel name), certificate of ownership number “XXXX” and aggregate power “XXX” of the vessel).
- (c) The holder of this certificate should have a physically fit person to assist him to perform duties that cannot be physically carried out by him.
- (d) The holder of this certificate is restricted to act as the engine operator of (“XXX” (vessel name), certificate of ownership number “XXXX” and aggregate power “XXX” of the vessel).

- Engine Operator Grade 1  
Certificate (Continue)
- (e) The holder of this endorsement may operate [Category A and/or Category B] Fast Speed Passenger Vessel in accordance with the restrictions of this certificate. This endorsement is valid until [DATE].
5. Engine Operator Grade 2  
Certificate
- (a) The holder of this certificate is restricted to act as the engine operator of a government vessel.
- (b) The holder of this certificate may also act as the engine operator of (“XXX” (vessel name), certificate of ownership number “XXXX” and aggregate power “XXX” of the vessel).
- (c) The holder of this certificate should have a physically fit person to assist him to perform duties that cannot be physically carried out by him.
- (d) The holder of this certificate is restricted to act as the engine operator of (“XXX” (vessel name), certificate of ownership number “XXXX” and aggregate power “XXX” of the vessel).
- (e) The holder of this endorsement may operate [Category A and/or Category B] Fast Speed Passenger Vessel in accordance with the restrictions of this certificate. This endorsement is valid until [DATE].
6. Engine Operator Grade 3  
Certificate
- (a) The holder of this certificate is restricted to act as the engine operator of a government vessel.
- (b) The holder of this certificate may also act as the engine operator of a Class III vessel fitted with engine(s) of aggregate engine power not more than 1 500 kW.

Engine Operator Grade 3  
Certificate (Continue)

- (c) The holder of this certificate is restricted to act as the engine operator of a Class III fishing vessel, fish carrier, or fishing sampan which is a Guangdong/Hong Kong mobile fishing vessel subject to the following conditions:
- (i) The holder of this certificate shall present his “recognized certificate”, which is a valid Fishing Vessel Personnel Certificate (Grade 1 Chief Engineer) issued by the Guangdong Provincial Marine and Fisheries Inspection Bureau, to authorized officer for inspection;
  - (ii) aggregate power of the vessel is less than 3 000 kW;
  - (iii) this certificate expires on the expiry date of the “recognized certificate” stated in sub-paragraph (i) of this paragraph.
- (d) The holder of this certificate is restricted to act as the engine operator of a Class III fishing vessel, fish carrier, or fishing sampan which is a Guangdong/Hong Kong mobile fishing vessel subject to the following conditions:
- (i) The holder of this certificate shall present his “recognized certificate”, which is a valid Fishing Vessel Personnel Certificate (Grade 2 Chief Engineer) issued by the Guangdong Provincial Marine and Fisheries Inspection Bureau, to authorized officer for inspection;

Engine Operator Grade 3  
Certificate (Continue)

- (ii) aggregate power of the vessel is less than 750 kW;
  - (iii) this certificate expires on the expiry date of the “recognized certificate” stated in sub-paragraph (i) of this paragraph.
- (e) The holder of this certificate is restricted to act as the engine operator of a Class III fishing vessel, fish carrier, or fishing sampan which is a Guangdong/Hong Kong mobile fishing vessel subject to the following conditions:
- (i) The holder of this certificate shall present his “recognized certificate”, which is a valid Fishing Vessel Personnel Certificate (Grade 3 Chief Engineer) issued by the Guangdong Provincial Marine and Fisheries Inspection Bureau, to authorized officer for inspection;
  - (ii) aggregate power of the vessel is less than 250 kW;
  - (iii) this certificate expires on the expiry date of the “recognized certificate” stated in sub-paragraph (i) of this paragraph.
- (f) The holder of this certificate may also act as the engine operator of a Class III fishing vessel, fish carrier, or fishing sampan which is a Guangdong/Hong Kong mobile fishing vessel subject to the following conditions:



Engine Operator Grade 3  
Certificate (Continue)

- (i) The holder of this certificate shall present his “recognized certificate”, which is a valid Fishing Vessel Personnel Certificate (Grade 1 Chief Engineer) issued by the Guangdong Provincial Marine and Fisheries Inspection Bureau, to authorized officer for inspection;
  - (ii) aggregate power of the vessel is less than 3 000 kW;
  - (iii) this endorsement expires on the expiry date of the “recognized certificate” stated in sub-paragraph (i) of this paragraph.
- (g) The holder of this certificate may also act as the engine operator of a Class III fishing vessel, fish carrier, or fishing sampan which is a Guangdong/Hong Kong mobile fishing vessel subject to the following conditions:
- (i) The holder of this certificate shall present his “recognized certificate”, which is a valid Fishing Vessel Personnel Certificate (Grade 2 Chief Engineer) issued by the Guangdong Provincial Marine and Fisheries Inspection Bureau, to authorized officer for inspection;
  - (ii) aggregate power of the vessel is less than 750 kW;

Engine Operator Grade 3  
Certificate (Continue)

- (iii) this endorsement expires on the expiry date of the “recognized certificate” stated in sub-paragraph (i) of this paragraph.
- (h) The holder of this certificate may also act as the engine operator of a Class III fishing vessel, fish carrier, or fishing sampan which is a Guangdong/Hong Kong mobile fishing vessel subject to the following conditions:
  - (i) The holder of this certificate shall present his “recognized certificate”, which is a valid Fishing Vessel Personnel Certificate (Grade 3 Chief Engineer) issued by the Guangdong Provincial Marine and Fisheries Inspection Bureau, to authorized officer for inspection;
  - (ii) aggregate power of the vessel is less than 250 kW;
  - (iii) this endorsement expires on the expiry date of the “recognized certificate” stated in sub-paragraph (i) of this paragraph.
- (i) The holder of this certificate may also act as the engine operator of a Class III fishing vessel with engine(s) (without restrictions).
- (j) The holder of this certificate should have a physically fit person to assist him to perform duties that cannot be physically carried out by him.

Engine Operator Grade 3  
Certificate (Continue)

(k) The holder of this certificate may also act as the engine operator of (“XXX” (vessel name), certificate of ownership number “XXXX” and aggregate power “XXX” of the vessel).

(l) The holder of this certificate is restricted to act as the engine operator of (“XXX” (vessel name), certificate of ownership number “XXXX” and aggregate power “XXX” of the vessel).

(m) The holder of this endorsement may operate [Category A and/or Category B] Fast Speed Passenger Vessel in accordance with the restrictions of this certificate. This endorsement is valid until [DATE].

7. Pleasure Vessel Operator  
Grade 1 Certificate

(a) Valid for Day Time Only.

(b) The holder of this certificate shall comply with the following conditions:

(i) To have a physically fit person to assist the certificate holder to perform duties that cannot be physically carried out by the certificate holder;

(ii) that person must be briefed by the certificate holder about the knowledge on emergency handling onboard at the time the person first joins the vessel;

Pleasure Vessel Operator  
Grade 1 Certificate  
(Continue)

(iii) evidence showing the agreement of that person to perform the duties and being briefed of emergency handling knowledge, must be kept onboard for inspection by authorized officer; and

(iv) no fare paying passenger is allowed onboard.

(c) The holder of this certificate is not allowed to operate a water scooter or jet ski or act as the coxswain of a water scooter or jet ski.

(d) When operating any pleasure vessel, the certificate holder is required to operate the vessel with another person who is a holder of a former certificate known as Pleasure Vessel Engineer Grade I, or Grade II, of any engine type, or equivalent.

(e) The holder of this certificate is not allowed to operate a Class IV vessel of more than 15 m in length overall which is for carrying passengers and is let for hire or reward.

8. Pleasure Vessel Operator  
Grade 2 Certificate

(a) Valid for Day Time Only.

(b) The holder of this certificate shall comply with the following conditions:

(i) To have a physically fit person to assist the certificate holder to perform duties that cannot be physically carried out by the certificate holder;

Pleasure Vessel Operator  
Grade 2 Certificate  
(Continue)

- (ii) that person must be briefed by the certificate holder about the knowledge on emergency handling onboard at the time the person first joins the vessel;
  - (iii) evidence showing the agreement of that person to take up the obligation and being briefed of emergency handling knowledge, must be kept onboard for inspection by authorized officer; and
  - (iv) no fare paying passenger is allowed onboard.
- (c) The certificate holder is not allowed to operate a water scooter/jet ski or act as the coxswain of a water scooter/jet ski.
- (d) The certificate holder is required to operate the vessel with another person who is a holder of a former certificate known as Pleasure Vessel Engineer Grade I, or Grade II, of any engine type, or equivalent.
- (e) When operating any pleasure vessel, the certificate holder is required to operate the vessel with another person who is a holder of a former certificate known as Pleasure Vessel Master Grade I, or equivalent; or when operating a pleasure vessel of not more than 15m, the certificate holder is required to operate the vessel with another person who is a holder of a former certificate known as Pleasure Vessel Master Grade II, or equivalent.

- (f) The holder of this certificate is restricted to act as the vessel operator of a government vessel.
- (g) The holder of this certificate may also act as the pleasure vessel operator of (“XXX” (vessel name), certificate of ownership number “XXXX” and “XXX” in length overall of the vessel).

## SCHEDULE 3

[ss. 7, 22 & 23]

### RECOGNITION OF FORMER CERTIFICATES AND APPLICATION FOR NEW CERTIFICATES

#### PART 1

#### RECOGNITION OF FORMER CERTIFICATES

Item	Former certificate (as master or engineer)	Equivalent local certificate of competency (as coxswain or engine operator) for the purpose of the Ordinance
1.	Local certificate of competency as master of a vessel of 300 tons and under	Coxswain Grade 1 Certificate
2.	Certificate of competency as a trawling master	Coxswain Grade 1 Certificate
3.	Local certificate of competency as master of a vessel of 60 tons and under	Coxswain Grade 2 Certificate
4.	Local certificate of competency as master of a fishing vessel (without restriction)	Coxswain Grade 3 Certificate
5.	Local certificate of competency as engineer of a vessel with engines of over 150 hp, or local certificate of competency as ferry engineer	Engine Operator Grade 1 Certificate
6.	Local certificate of competency as engineer of a vessel with engines of up to 150 hp or local certificate of competency as engineer of a fishing vessel (without restriction)	Engine Operator Grade 3 Certificate

## PART 2

### RECOGNITION OF COMBINATION OF FORMER CERTIFICATES (PLEASURE VESSEL MASTER OR ENGINEER)

Item	Combination of former certificates (as pleasure vessel master or engineer)	Equivalent grade of Pleasure Vessel Operator Certificate for the purpose of the Ordinance
1.	<p>Local certificate of competency as Pleasure Vessel Master Grade I Plus Any pleasure vessel engineer certificate of competency issued under the repealed Shipping and Port Control (Pleasure Vessels) (Certificates of Competency) Rules, Cap. 313, sub.leg.R, or equivalent.</p>	<p>Pleasure Vessel Operator Grade 1 Certificate</p>
2.	<p>Local certificate of competency as Pleasure Vessel Master Grade I Plus Any pleasure vessel engineer certificate of competency issued under the repealed Shipping and Port Control (Pleasure Vessels) (Certificates of Competency) Rules, Cap. 313, sub.leg.R, or equivalent, either one of the above certificates was endorsed with the following conditions:</p> <p>(a) (i) To have a physically fitted person to assist the certificate holder to perform duties that cannot be physically carried out by the certificate holder;</p>	<p>Pleasure Vessel Operator Grade 1 Certificate (endorsed with similar conditions printed on the former certificate)</p>



- (ii) that person must be briefed by the certificate holder about the knowledge on emergency handling onboard at the time the person first joins the vessel;
- (iii) evidence showing the agreement of that person to perform the duties and being briefed of emergency handling knowledge, must be kept onboard for inspection by Marine Department or Marine Police officer; and
- (iv) no fare paying passenger is allowed onboard.

(b) The holder of this certificate is not allowed to operate a water scooter or jet ski or to be the master of a water scooter or jet ski.

- 3. Local certificate of competency as Pleasure Vessel Master Grade II or local certificate of competency as master of a vessel of 15 tons and under, endorsed with “valid for privately owned pleasure craft only”

Pleasure Vessel Operator Grade 2 Certificate

Plus

Any pleasure vessel engineer certificate of competency issued under the repealed Shipping and Port Control (Pleasure Vessels) (Certificates of Competency) Rules, Cap. 313, sub.leg.R, or equivalent.

4. Local certificate of competency as Pleasure Vessel Master Grade II or local certificate of competency as master of a vessel of 15 tons and under, endorsed with “valid for privately owned pleasure craft only”

Pleasure Vessel Operator Grade 2 Certificate

(endorsed with similar conditions printed on the former certificate)

Plus

Any pleasure vessel engineer certificate of competency issued under the repealed Shipping and Port Control (Pleasure Vessels) (Certificates of Competency) Rules, Cap. 313, sub.leg.R, or equivalent, either one of the above certificates was endorsed with the following conditions:

- (a) (i) To have a physically fitted person to assist the certificate holder to perform duties that cannot be physically carried out by the certificate holder;
- (ii) that person must be briefed by the certificate holder about the knowledge on emergency handling onboard at the time the person first joins the vessel;
- (iii) evidence showing the agreement of that person to perform the duties and being briefed of emergency handling knowledge, must be kept onboard for inspection by Marine Department or

Marine Police officer; and

- (iv) no fare paying passenger is allowed onboard.
  
- (b) The certificate holder is not allowed to operate a water scooter/jet ski or to be the master of a water scooter/jet ski.

### PART 3

#### RECOGNITION OF COMBINATION OF FORMER CERTIFICATES (MASTER OR ENGINEER)

Item	Combination of former certificates (as master or engineer)	Equivalent grade of Pleasure Vessel Operator Certificate for the purpose of the Ordinance
1.	Local certificate of competency as master of a vessel of 300 tons and under, local certificate of competency as master of a vessel of 60 tons and under, or certificate of competency as a trawling master  Plus  Any pleasure vessel engineer certificate of competency issued under the repealed Shipping and Port Control (Pleasure Vessels) (Certificates of Competency) Rules, Cap. 313, sub.leg.R, or equivalent.	Pleasure Vessel Operator Grade 1 Certificate
2.	Local certificate of competency as master of a fishing vessel (without restriction)  Plus  Any pleasure vessel engineer certificate of competency issued under the repealed Shipping and Port Control (Pleasure Vessels) (Certificates of Competency) Rules, Cap. 313, sub.leg.R, or equivalent.	Pleasure Vessel Operator Grade 2 Certificate

3. Local certificate of competency as master of a fishing vessel (without restriction)      Pleasure Vessel Operator Grade 2 Certificate (endorsed with similar conditions printed on the former certificate)
- Plus
- Any pleasure vessel engineer certificate of competency issued under the repealed Shipping and Port Control (Pleasure Vessels) (Certificates of Competency) Rules, Cap. 313, sub.leg.R, or equivalent, either one of the above certificates were endorsed with the following conditions:
- (a) (i) To have a physically fitted person to assist the certificate holder to perform duties that cannot be physically carried out by the certificate holder;
  - (ii) that person must be briefed by the certificate holder about the knowledge on emergency handling onboard at the time the person first joins the vessel;
  - (iii) evidence showing the agreement of that person to perform the duties and being briefed of emergency handling knowledge, must be kept onboard for inspection by Marine Department or Marine Police officer; and
  - (iv) no fare paying passenger

is allowed onboard.

- (b) The certificate holder is not allowed to operate a water scooter or jet ski or to be the master of a water scooter or jet ski.

## PART 4

### RECOGNITION OF FORMER CERTIFICATES WITH CONDITIONS OF RECOGNITION

Item	Former certificate (as master or engineer)	Equivalent local certificate of competency (as coxswain, or engine operator or pleasure vessel operator) for the purpose of the Ordinance
1.	Local certificate of competency as master restricted to operate a craft, except “Kaito”, which is not longer than 10 m and fitted with a diesel engine of not more than 38 kW within the limits of the permitted areas as shown shaded on the map attached to Page 5 of the certificate.	Coxswain Grade 3 Certificate (restricted to act as the coxswain of a craft, except “Kaito”, of not more than 10 m in length and fitted with a diesel engine of not more than 38 kW power within the limits of the permitted areas as shown shaded on the specified map in Schedule 4.
2.	Local certificate of competency as master restricted to operate a craft, except “Kaito”, of not more than 10 m in length overall and fitted with a diesel engine of not more than 38 kW power within the typhoon shelter specified on the certificate.	Coxswain Grade 3 Certificate (restricted to operate a craft of except “Kaito”, of not more than 10 m in length overall and fitted with a diesel engine of not more than 38 kW power within the specified typhoon shelter only)
3.	Local certificate of competency as master restricted to operate an open sampan of not more than 10 m in length with a petrol outboard engine of not more than 12 kW within the limits of the permitted areas (excluding typhoon shelters)	Coxswain Grade 3 Certificate (restricted to act as the coxswain of an open sampan of not more than 10 m in length and fitted with a petrol outboard engine of not more than 12 kW power, within the limits of the

as shown shaded on the map attached to Page 5 of the certificate.

permitted areas as shown shaded on the specified map in Schedule 4.

4. Local certificate of competency as master restricted to operate an open sampan of not more than 10 m in length with a petrol outboard engine of not more than 12 kW or a craft, except “Kaito”, of not more than 10 m in length and fitted with a diesel engine of not more than 38 kW as shown shaded in the map attached to Page 5 of the certificate.

Coxswain Grade 3 Certificate (restricted to act as the coxswain of an open sampan of not more than 10 m in length and fitted with a petrol outboard engine of not more than 12 kW power or a craft, except “Kaito”, of not more than 10 m in length and fitted with a diesel engine of not more than 38 kW power within the limits of the permitted areas as shown shaded on the specified map in Schedule 4.

5. Local certificate of competency as master restricted to operate a craft, except “Kaito”, which is not longer than 10 m and fitted with a diesel engine of not more than 38 kW within the limits of the typhoon shelter specified on the certificate.

Coxswain Grade 3 Certificate (restricted to act as the coxswain of any craft, except “Kaito”, which is not more than 10 m in length and fitted with a diesel engine of not more than 38 kW power, within the limits of the specified typhoon shelter only)

6. The holder of this certificate is not allowed to operate:

The holder of this certificate is not allowed to operate any vessel-

- (i) in, near or pass through
  - (a) fairways used by ocean going shipping (except in designated areas);
  - (b) traffic separation schemes; and dynamically supported

- (i) in, near or pass through —
  - (a) fairways used by ocean going shipping (except in designated areas);
  - (b) traffic separation



craft route.

schemes; and  
dynamically supported  
craft route.

(ii) from one permitted area to another; and

(ii) from one permitted area to another; and

(iii) in adverse weather conditions.

(iii) in adverse weather conditions.

(Note: operators should not commence voyages in fog or when the strong monsoon signal or No. 3 or higher is hoisted.)

(Note: operators should not commence voyages in fog or when the strong monsoon signal or No. 3 or higher typhoon signal is hoisted.)

7. Local certificate of competency as master restricted to operate a craft of specified length, engine type, power and plying area, and is endorsed with the following conditions:

Coxswain Grade 3 Certificate  
(restricted to operate a craft of specified length, engine type, power and plying area, and endorsed with the similar conditions printed on the former certificate)

(i) To have a physically fitted person to assist the certificate holder to perform duties that cannot be physically carried out by the certificate holder;

(ii) that person must be briefed by the certificate holder about the knowledge on emergency handling onboard at the time the person first joins the vessel;

(iii) evidence showing the agreement of that person to take up the obligation and being briefed of emergency handling knowledge, must be kept onboard for inspection by

Marine Department or Marine  
Police officer; and

(iv) no fare paying passenger is  
allowed onboard.

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| 8.  | Local certificate of competency as master of Class VI fishing vessel only, that was issued in recognition of a Type A (Restricted Waters) Grade 3 or 4 (Master) Fishery Vessel Officer's Certificate issued by the Bureau of Fishing Port Superintendence of Guangdong, PRC.                                  | Coxswain Grade 3 Certificate (restricted to operate only a Class III fishing vessel, fish carrier, or fishing sampan which is a Guangdong/Hong Kong mobile fishing vessel and endorsed with the similar conditions printed on the former certificate)        |
| 9.  | Local certificate of competency as engineer of Class VI fishing vessel only, that was issued in recognition of a Type A (Restricted Waters) Grade 3 or 4 (Engineer) Fishery Vessel Officer's Certificate issued by the Bureau of Fishing Port Superintendence of Guangdong, PRC.                              | Engine Operator Grade 3 Certificate (restricted to operate only a Class III fishing vessel, fish carrier, or fishing sampan which is a Guangdong/Hong Kong mobile fishing vessel and endorsed with the similar conditions printed on the former certificate) |
| 10. | Local certificate of competency as master of Class IV steel fishing vessel or Class VI fishing vessel only, that was issued in recognition of a Type A (Restricted Waters) Grade 3 or 4 (Master) Fishery Vessel Officer's Certificate issued by the Bureau of Fishing Port Superintendence of Guangdong, PRC. | Coxswain Grade 3 Certificate (restricted to operate only a Class III fishing vessel, fish carrier, or fishing sampan which is a Guangdong/Hong Kong mobile fishing vessel and endorsed with the similar conditions printed on the former certificate)        |

11. Local certificate of competency as engineer of Class IV steel fishing vessel or Class VI fishing vessel only, that was issued in recognition of a Type A (Restricted Waters) Grade 2, 3 or 4 (Engineer) Fishery Vessel Officer's Certificate issued by the Bureau of Fishing Port Superintendence of Guangdong, PRC. Engine Operator Grade 3 Certificate (restricted to operate only a Class III fishing vessel, fish carrier, or fishing sampan which is a Guangdong/Hong Kong mobile fishing vessel and endorsed with the similar conditions printed on the former certificate)
12. Local certificate of competency as master of Class IV steel fishing vessel or Class VI fishing vessel only, that was issued in recognition of a Type A (Restricted Waters) Grade 3 or 4 (Master) Fishery Vessel Officer's Certificate issued by the Bureau of Fishing Port Superintendence of Guangdong, PRC, and is endorsed with the following conditions: Coxswain Grade 3 Certificate (restricted to operate only a Class III fishing vessel, fish carrier, or fishing sampan which is a Guangdong/Hong Kong mobile fishing vessel and endorsed with the similar conditions printed on the former certificate)
- (i) To have a physically fitted person to assist the certificate holder to perform duties that cannot be physically carried out by the certificate holder;
  - (ii) that person must be briefed by the certificate holder about the knowledge on emergency handling onboard at the time the person first joins the vessel;
  - (iii) evidence showing the agreement of that person to take up the obligation and being briefed of emergency

handling knowledge, must be kept onboard for inspection by Marine Department or Marine Police officer; and

(iv) no fare paying passenger is allowed onboard.

13. Local certificate of competency as master of Class IV steel fishing vessel or Class VI fishing vessel only, that was issued in recognition of a Type A (Restricted Waters) Grade 3 or 4 (Master) Fishery Vessel Officer's Certificate issued by the Bureau of Fishing Port Superintendence of Guangdong, PRC, and is endorsed with the following conditions:
- Coxswain Grade 3 Certificate (restricted to operate only a Class III fishing vessel, fish carrier, or fishing sampan which is a Guangdong/Hong Kong mobile fishing vessel and endorsed with the similar conditions printed on the former certificate)

The certificate holder is restricted to operate a Class III vessel of not more than 10 m in length subject to the following condition:

- (i) Another person to perform lookout duty is required while the certificate holder is plying the vessel in waters of congested marine traffic such as typhoon shelter and anchorage etc.; and
- (ii) no fare paying passenger is allowed onboard.

14. Local certificate of competency as Pleasure Vessel Master Grade I Pleasure Vessel Operator Grade 1 Certificate endorsed with the following condition:
- When operating any pleasure vessel, the certificate holder is required to operate the vessel with another person who is a holder of a former certificate known as Pleasure Vessel Engineer Grade I, or Grade II, of any engine type, or equivalent.
15. Local certificate of competency as Pleasure Vessel Master Grade II Pleasure Vessel Operator Grade 2 Certificate endorsed with the following condition:
- The certificate holder is required to operate the vessel with another person who is a holder of a former certificate known as Pleasure Vessel Engineer Grade I, or Grade II, of any engine type, or equivalent.

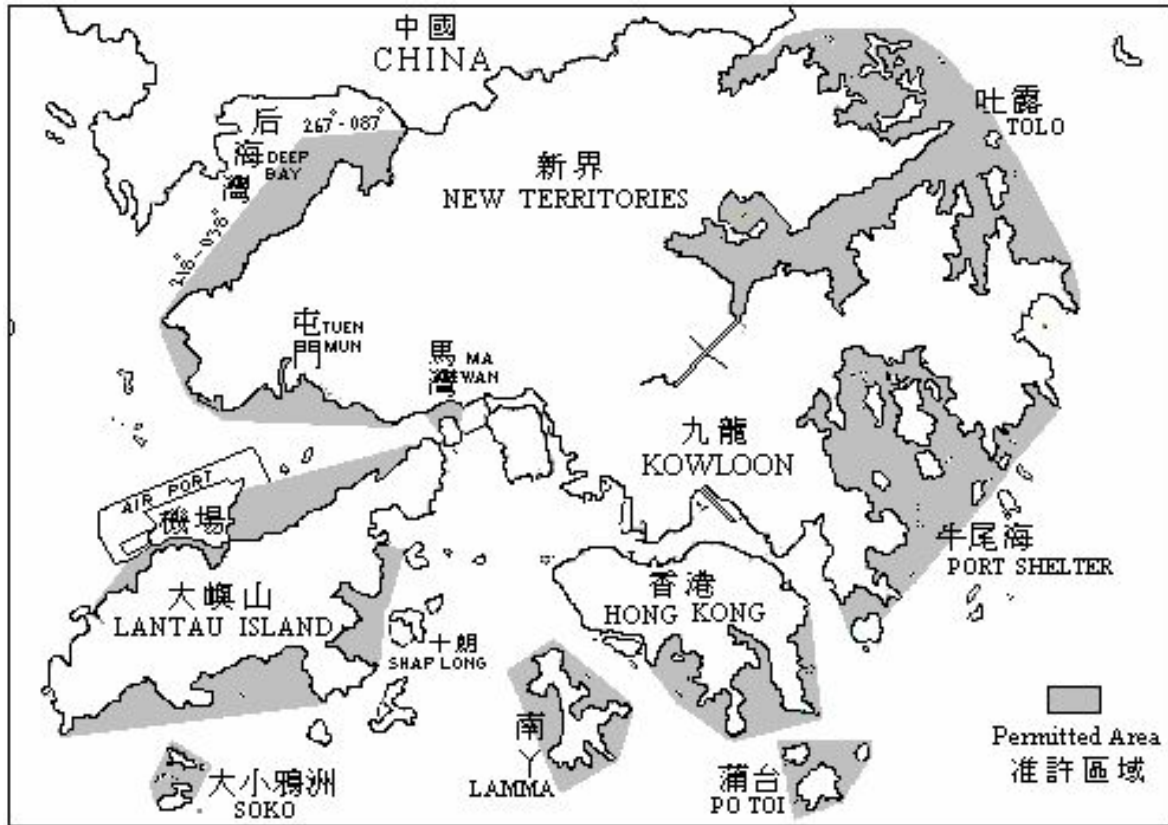
16. Local certificate of competency as Pleasure Vessel Engineer Grade I, or Grade II, of any engine type      Pleasure Vessel Operator Grade 2 Certificate endorsed with the following condition:

When operating any pleasure vessel, the certificate holder is required to operate the vessel with another person who is a holder of a former certificate known as Pleasure Vessel Master Grade I, or equivalent; or when operating a pleasure vessel of not more than 15m, the certificate holder is required to operate the vessel with another person who is a holder of a former certificate known as Pleasure Vessel Master Grade II, or equivalent.

# SCHEDULE 4

[s. 2 and Schedule 3]

## SPECIFIED MAP



## **Explanatory Note**

The Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) (Local Certificates of Competency) Rules is made by the Director of Marine under section 16 of the Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) Ordinance (Cap. 548) providing for-

- a) the classification of local certificates of competency;
- b) the addition or removal of endorsements on local certificates of competency;
- c) the grant and the method of granting such certificates;
- d) the combining of 2 or more classes or grades of local certificates of competency in one document if appropriate; and
- e) the recognition of equivalency of certain certificates and provisions relating to former certificates.