






## CONDUCT OF SEAFARERS CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY EXAMINATION

In line with the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW'78, as amended) and the Merchant Shipping Act (MSA) requirements, certain qualifications are required for officers and crew holding positions on the different types of vessels.

### 1.0 Certificate of Competency (CoC) examinations in accordance with STCW'78 (as amended) for officers (Operational & Management).

Candidates for certification must meet the mandatory minimum requirements prescribed by the STCW'78 (as amended) relating to age, medical fitness, seagoing service and standards of competence.

To satisfy these conditions, candidates have to meet certain medical standards including eyesight, complete a minimum period of seagoing service, reach the required vocational and academic standards, undertake ancillary technical trainings and pass the written and oral examinations conducted by NIMASA.

Candidate's eligibility for certification will depend amongst other things upon the duration and type of seagoing service performed and the type and area of operation of the vessel(s) in which employed. The minimum period of seagoing service acceptable for each grade of certificate of competency as stated in the eligibility requirement tables (Deck  \ Engine ). Eligible candidates are required to submit completed "application form for assessment for eligibility 




**Certificate of Competency (CoC) examination” to the Director, Maritime Safety and Seafarers Standard Department (MSSSD), Nigeria Maritime Resource Development Centre (NMRDC), Kirikiri, Apapa, Lagos. Nigeria. e-mail: [msssd@nimasa.gov.ng](mailto:msssd@nimasa.gov.ng), Tel: 09076361503**


Eligible Candidates for the examination are required to pay the appropriate fee and attend the preparatory class at Maritime Academy of Nigeria (MAN) ORON, before they can sit for the written and Oral examinations.

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## **2.0 Ratings & Non-Convention CoC/CoP examinations:**

Examinations leading to Certification as Ratings in accordance with STCW’78 as amended and the examination for crew on Non-Convention vessels are conducted at the following District offices as scheduled in the examination timetable for the year. 

- WARRI DISTRICT OFFICE  
NIWA DOCKYARD, DECO  
JUNCTION, WARRI-SAPELE  
ROAD,  
WARRI.
- PORTHARCOURT DISTRICT  
OFFICE  
NO. 1 CUSTOMS ROAD, NPA  
PREMISES
- PORTHARCOURT,  
LAGOS
- LAGOS DISTRICT OFFICE  
NO. 88, MARINE ROAD, APAPA.  
LAGOS
- CALABAR DISTRICT OFFICE  
2 BIG QUA ROAD  
CALABAR

Completed “Rating application form ” for STCW ratings CoP and / or the non-Convention Certificates of Competency (CoC) examinations are to be submitted to the NIMASA District Surveyors office (at the address provided above).