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Department of Telecommunication
WPC Wing**

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Guidelines/ clarifications in view of amendments vide GSR-1088(E) dated 05-11-2018 to GMDSS rules .

I am directed to refer to the GSR-1088(E) dated 05-11-2018 on the Indian Wireless Telegraphy (Commercial Radio Operator's Certificate of Proficiency and Licence to operate Global Maritime Distress and Safety System) amendment Rules, 2018 and to issue the following clarifications;

2. All the successful candidates in the GMDSS examination to be held after 5th November 2018 shall have the option to get their initial General Operator's Certificate (GOC) issued for a period of :

- (i) 20 years on payment of Rs 5000/-; or
- (ii) Life time (till attaining the age of 80 years) on payment of Rs 10000/-, from the date of declaration of the result of GMDSS examination. However, provisional GOC certificate shall be continued to be issued for six months as per the present practice.

2.1 For renewal of GOC, applications can be made before one year from the date of expiry of GOC instead of six months. Henceforth the existing GOC and GOC issued for 20 years, after this amendment, would be renewed for a period of :

- (i) 20 years on payment of Rs 5000/-; or
- (ii) Life time (till attaining the age of 80 years) on payment of Rs 10000/-.

2.2 In case the holder of GOC does not apply for its renewal prior to one year of expiry of the GOC, the holder may apply for the renewal within a period of two years from the date of expiry of the GOC, on payment of an additional fee @ 2% per month of the renewal fee payable, subject to minimum of Rs 250/- and in case the delay is more than twelve months, then the additional fee shall be compounded annually and in such cases the licence shall be renewed for a period of 20 years or life time from the date of expiry of GOC, as the case may be.

2.3 In case the holder of the GOC, applies for its renewal after two years of the date of expiry of the GOC, the holder shall be required to pass Part-II of the GMDSS Examination and in such case the renewal of the GOC shall be for a period of 20 years or life time from the date of declaration of the result of the said examination on payment of Rs 5000/- for 20 years or Rs 10000/- for Lifetime , as the case may be.

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3. All the applications for the renewal of GOC currently available for processing in WPC wing/ RLOs, shall have an opportunity to get their GOC renewed, for 20 years or Life time on payment of fee difference, as per their option. Intimation for such option shall be given to the applicants by WPC Wing/RLOs through e-mail/ telephone/ post, subject to fulfilment of other conditions for renewal. Such applicants shall be required to submit proof of payment of fee difference through e-mail, fax, post etc. to the concerned WPC Wing/RLOs to expedite the renewal.

3.1 Henceforth, for the purpose of renewal for GOC, applicants shall be required to submit copy of their initial GOC booklet, showing the date of birth along with the application for renewal, in addition to other documents required for the purpose.

(Signature)
14/11/18
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1. DG Shipping, Mumbai.
2. Director(WMO), MHQ, New Delhi
3. JWAs RLOs NR/SR/ER/WR & Sr. DWA,NER, WPC Wing.
4. All the approved Institutes for conduct of training of GOC courses, as per record.
5. Director (IT), DoT for uploading on DoT website.
6. Sr. DWA (ASMS) for uploading on WPC website.