

Republic of the Philippines  
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT  
Manila

36<sup>th</sup> TESDA BOARD MEETING  
26 September 2002, Thursday, 8:30 a.m.  
TESDA Board Room, 7/F Administration Building,  
Taguig, Metro Manila

RESOLUTION NO. 2002-21

INCLUSION OF THE TEST OF EYESIGHT AND HEARING  
IN THE TRAINING REGULATION FOR THE SEAFARER RATINGS COURSE  
(DECK RATING AND ENGINE RATING) AS AN ENTRY REQUIREMENT  
FOR RATINGS PERFORMING WATCHKEEPING DUTIES

WHEREAS, Board Resolution No. 98-09 Adopting and implementing the Training Regulation for the Seafarer Ratings Course was approved during the 19<sup>th</sup> TESDA Board Meeting, 13 May 1998, in order to ensure the competitiveness of Filipino Seafarers.

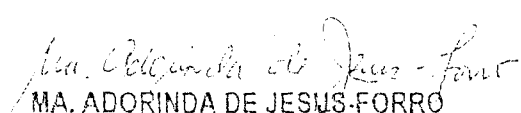
WHEREAS, Regulation 1/9 of STCW Convention, Medical Standards indicates that "each Party shall establish standards of medical fitness for seafarers particularly regarding eyesight and hearing".

WHEREAS, in the review of the current training regulations for the seafarers ratings there is a need to include the test of eyesight and hearing as an entry requirement for enrolment in ratings course for deck and engine.

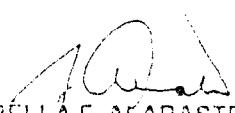
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Board approves the inclusion of the test of eyesight and hearing in the training regulations for seafarer ratings course as an entry requirement for all those enrolling for ratings performing watchkeeping duties.

This resolution shall be effective immediately for those currently enrolled and for new students thereafter.

Adopted this 26<sup>th</sup> day of September 2002.

  
MA. ADORINDA DE JESUS-FORRO  
Board Secretary VI

Attested by:

  
ESTRELLA F. ALABASTRO  
Secretary, Department of Science and Technology  
Chair Designate, TESDA Board