



THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA  
MINISTRY OF WORKS, TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATION  
**TANZANIA SHIPPING AGENCIES CORPORATION**  
**TASAC**



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**MERCHANT SHIPPING NOTICE**  
**MSN 2319**

**Amendment 1/2020**

**SCHEDULE FOR ORAL EXAMINATION**

*This notice issued to all Seafarers, Masters, Maritime Training Institutions, Shipowners, Shipping Agents, Merchant Navy Officers' Association of Tanzania (MNOAT), Tanzania Seafarers Union (TASU), Seafarers Engagement and Placement Service Companies, and the General Seafaring Community.*

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**1.0 Introduction**

The International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW convention) 1978 as amended including Manila 2010 Amendment is implemented in the United Republic of Tanzania by the Merchant Shipping (Training, Certification and Manning) Regulations, 2016.

Part III of the Regulations especially regulations 31, 32 and 35 details the procedure for oral examinations, which assess a candidate's knowledge. Oral examination shall be conducted by the Board of Examiner to ascertain candidates' competency in practical aspect of an officer's duty.

**2.0 Requirement for Oral Examination**

Oral examinations cover both deck and engineer officer for operational and management level in respect to following certificates of competence to be issued upon successful pass the examination:

- i. Officer in charge of a navigational watch on a ship of less than 500 GT engaged on near-coastal voyages STCW Regulation II/3.4;
- ii. Master on a ship of less than 500 GT engaged on near-coastal voyages STCW Regulation II/3.6;
- iii. Officer in Charge of a Navigational Watch on ships of 500GT or more-STCW Regulation II/1;
- iv. Chief Mate on Ships between 500 and 3000 GT-STCW Regulation II/2.4;
- v. Master on Ships between 500 and 3000 GT -STCW Regulation II/2.4;
- vi. Chief Mate -STCW Regulation II/2;
- vii. Master -STCW Regulation II/2;
- viii. Electro-technical Officer serving on ship of 750kW propulsion power or more-STCW Regulation III/6;
- ix. Officer in charge of Engineering Watch on ships less than 750kW (Domestic);
- x. Officer in Charge of an Engineering Watch on a ship of 750kW propulsion power or more-STCW Regulation III/1;
- xi. Second Engineer Officer on ships between 750 and 3000kW-STCW Regulation III/3;
- xii. Chief Engineer Officer on Ships between 750 and 3000kW-STCW Regulation III/3;
- xiii. Second Engineer Officer -STCW Regulation III/2; and
- xiv. Chief Engineer Officer-STCW Regulation III/2.

### **3.0 Guidance for Oral Examinations**

3.1 Oral Examinations will be conducted to eligible applicants on quarterly basis in each calendar year as follows;

- (i) first quarter in March;
- (ii) second quarter in June;
- (iii) third quarter in September; and
- (iv) fourth quarter is in December.

3.2 Oral Examination dates will be published in TASAC website <http://www.tasac.go.tz> with information on time, places and other relevant information at the beginning of each quarter of the current calendar year.

3.3 A candidate for oral examination shall apply by submitting a duly completed application form obtained through TASAC website <http://www.tasac.go.tz> which shall be submitted at least twenty one (21) days before the date proposed for oral examination.

- 3.4 The application shall be accompanied by the relevant supplementary documents specified in the oral examination application form.
- 3.5 There is a fee for oral examination. The applicant must pay the fee at the time of booking his oral examination. TASAC will not accept an oral application booking without payment of required fee.
- 3.6 A candidate is required to have appropriate knowledge of the relevant maritime laws of Tanzania.
- 3.7 A candidate who without reasonable excuse fails to appear for an oral examination at the appointed time and place may be failed by default.
- 3.8 A candidate who fails in the oral examination for any certificate or endorsement through serious deficiency in practical knowledge may, at the examiners discretion, be required to perform further qualifying service, not exceeding six months, before being eligible for re-examination.

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