



**CIRCULAR
IMM-201 (26)**

Title:	Reengagement in the Issuance of Certificates of Proficiency (CoP)		
To:	Deputy Registrars, Maritime Training Facilitator, Maritime Training Institution, Ship Owners and Operators, Seafarers, Crewing Agents, Port State Control Authorities		
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1. REVOKED

- 1.1 CIRCULAR LETTER No. SDC-24-01 Merchant Marine: REFERENCES • STCW 78 as amended • Registration of Merchant Ships Statutory Instrument (No.29 of 2023) • Procedures for Certification of RFPW • Training Record Books for RFPEW/ RFPNW

2. REFERENCES

- 2.1 International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW), 1978, as amended.
2.2 Registration of Merchant Ships Statutory Instrument (No.29 of 2023).

3. INTRODUCTION

- 3.1 The International Merchant Marine Registry of Belize (IMMARBE) is pleased to announce its official reengagement in the direct assessment and issuance of Certificates of Proficiency (CoP) for seafarers. This strategic initiative is aimed at enhancing the technical support provided to the global maritime community and ensuring the highest standards of safety and proficiency on board Belize-flagged vessels.

4. PURPOSE

- 4.1 The purpose of this circular is to formally notify Deputy Registrars, Maritime Training Facilitators, Maritime Training Institutions, shipowners, operators, seafarers and Port and Coastal State Control Authorities of the Administration's reengagement in the assessment and issuance of Certificates of Proficiency (CoP).

5. LAUNCH DATE

- 5.1 The issuance of Certificates of Proficiency (CoPs) was formally launched on **13 November 2024**. Since that date, the Administration has been accepting and processing applications for all classes of Certificates of Proficiency.

Inquiries concerning the subject of this circular any other request should be directed to: immarbe@immarbe.com

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6. SCOPE AND SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

- 6.1 Applications for CoPs should be made by an approved Maritime Training Facilitator using application for SD-FR-028 Seafarers Application Form.
- 6.2 We would like to notify all stakeholders that we have officially commenced the solicitation of proposals from individuals or organizations interested in becoming Maritime Training Facilitators (MTF) and Maritime Training Institutions (MTI). Details about the application process and criteria can be found in the CoP Guidelines.

7. VERIFICATION

- 7.1 Belize provides an online certificate verification database that may be accessed by Maritime Authorities, shipowners, operators, seafarers, crewing agents, and other interested parties to verify the validity and authenticity of Belize-issued certificates. The system offers a secure and efficient means of confirming certification details and status. Verification may be conducted at the following link: [Immarbe Verification](#)



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