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SUBJECT: SUPPLEMENTAL GUIDELINES GOVERNING CHED MEMORANDUM ORDER (CMO) NO. 38, S. 2005, ENTITLED "IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BRIDGING PROGRAM FOR THE BS MECHANICAL ENGINEERING (BSME) AND THE BS ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING (BSEE) TO BS MARINE ENGINEERING (BSMarE) PROGRAM"

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Pursuant to the pertinent provisions of Republic Act (RA) No. 7722 otherwise known as the "Higher Education Act of 1994," and by virtue of Resolution No. 725 - 2006 of the Commission en banc dated October 30, 2006, the following supplemental guidelines are hereby promulgated for the information, guidance and compliance of all parties concerned.

INTRODUCTION

The Commission on Higher Education promulgated these supplemental guidelines in consultation with the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) and Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE). As provided for in CMO No. 38, s. 2005, it is hereby declared that the rationale/grounds for the Bridging Program is to bridge the shortage gap of qualified Marine Engine Officers and provide employment to BSEE and BSME graduates currently unemployed or underemployed, and to meet the need on the number of more qualified Marine Engineer Officers.

AUTHORIZATION

The Bridging program shall be operated only by existing maritime institutions with recognized BS Marine Engineering program granted by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) or respective Board in case of chartered State Universities and Colleges (SUCs). This program shall be terminated upon revocation of the government recognition given to the BSMarE program.

SHIPBOARD TRAINING PROGRAM

Students of the bridging program who have completed the BS Mechanical Engineering or BS Electrical Engineering programs shall undergo the said required shipboard training documented in a CHED-Approved Training Record Book. The supervised shipboard training on board the training ship of at least six (6) months duties in the engine department should be under the supervision of the Chief Engineer or a qualified Officer.

ADMISSION

This program is basically intended for those who have finished the Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering (BSME) or Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering (BSEE) even without experience in land or sea-based. with a maximum age requirement of preferably 30 years old.

EFFECTIVITY

This Order shall take effect SY 2006-2007.

Pasig City, Philippines, December 24, 2006

For the Commission



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