

**MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR**  
**NO. 06-04-99**

**SUBJECT: QUALIFICATIONS AND NUMBER OF RADIO PERSONNEL  
REQUIRED ON-BOARD PHILIPPINRS REGISTERED GMDSS  
VESSELS.**

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In view of the mandatory full compliance to the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS) effective February 01, 1999 as required by the Radio Regulations, the following minimum qualification and number of radio personnel on board Philippine registered vessels are hereby required:

1. Two deck Certificate officers (who is not the master) with General Operator Certificate (GOC) or one exclusive radio officer with both GOC and Radio Electronic Certificate (REC).
2. For ships with At-Sea (on-board) maintenance capability, two deck officers with GOC officers with GOC who is not the master and one non-exclusive radio officer holding both GOC and REC

This Circular shall take effect immediately.

April 12, 1999, Quezon City, Philippines.

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