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Subject: Reminder: The Transitional Period under *Marine Personnel Regulations* Section 184 to obtain Certificates of Competency ends July 1, 2012

Purpose

This Bulletin reminds anyone who began a certificate or certificates of competency under the previous *Marine Certification Regulations* (MCR) that the 5-year transitional period for obtaining certificates **will end on July 1, 2012**.

Scope

This bulletin applies only to someone who began a certificate or certificates of competency (CoC) under the previous MCR and **did not** complete it.

Background

A five-year transitional period began after the day the *Marine Personnel Regulations* (MPR) came into force. It exists for people who had already started to acquire qualifying service and successfully passed at least one examination required to obtain a certificate of competency under the MCR.

All such applicants who meet *Marine Certification Regulations* (MCR) requirements as they read immediately before the entry into force of the *Marine Personnel Regulations* (MPR) will obtain the equivalent ranking certificate identified in MPR Part 1, Schedule 1. If an equivalent ranking certificate does not exist, they will receive a certificate of the rank immediately below.

Anyone who has obtained a certificate under section 184 is part of the new MPR system. Those wishing to obtain a higher certificate will have to fulfill all the requirements for that certificate set out in the MPR.

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2. Section 184
3. *Marine Personnel Regulations*

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Marine Personnel Regulations

The transitional period under section 184 of the MPR ends on July 1, 2012.

All candidates who began a certificate or certificates of competency under the previous *Marine Certification Regulations* must complete their certificates of competency **before July 1, 2012**.

Candidates that do not complete their certificate of competency on time will have to meet the full requirements of the *Marine Personnel Regulations* for the certificate they want to receive.

All nautical examinations that candidates pass between July 1, 2007 and July 1, 2012 towards a CoC under the MCR, will be treated in accordance with the examination equivalency table set out in publication *TP 2293 - The Examination and Certification of Seafarers* Chapter 4, Section 4.7, Table IX. These will remain valid for 5 years from the examination date.

Transport Canada

Transport Canada Marine Safety advises all candidates that began a CoC under section 184 of the MPR to make sure they complete their certificate of competency under the *Marine Certification Regulations* **before July 1, 2012**.