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**Applicable to:** This circular should be brought to the attention to all Singapore ship-owners, ship-managers and persons who are involved in applying for Certificate of Endorsement for Electro-Technical Officer

**APPLICATIONS FOR A CERTIFICATE OF ENDORSEMENT (COE) FOR  
HOLDERS OF ELECTRO-TECHNICAL OFFICER (ETO) CERTIFICATE OF  
COMPETENCY ISSUED BY A FOREIGN ADMINISTRATION**

1. The Manila Amendments to the STCW Convention, which came into force on 1 Jan 2012, has introduced a new grade of Certificate of Competency (CoC) as Electro-Technical Officers (ETO) under STCW Regulation III/6. The transitional provisions of STCW Convention allowed an Administration until 1 Jan 2017 to enforce the requirement of ETO.
2. Holders of ETO CoC issued by a foreign administration require a Certificate of Endorsement (COE) issued by MPA (Flag Administration's endorsement). This is similar to the requirements for holders of deck officer and marine engineer officer CoCs that are issued by a foreign Administration. From 1 Jan 2017 onwards, an ETO who does not have the appropriate CoC and issued with a COE to recognise the CoC will not be allowed to be engaged on Singapore ships.
3. Application for Certificate of Endorsement (COE) for ETO will be made available on 1st **Aug 2016** via Marinet under "Application for Certificate of Endorsement".
4. Companies who have not subscribed to Marinet are urged to do so to ensure timely processing of their COE applications. To apply for a Marinet Access, please visit MPA's website at: <http://www.mpa.gov.sg/web/portal/home/e-services-forms/e-services>.

5 Annex to this circular contains a list of frequently asked questions relating to ETO and application for COE. Any other queries regarding this circular should be directed to any of the following officers of MPA:

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