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Massachusetts Maritime Academy – Cadet Program
Attn: RADM Francis McDonald
101 Academy Drive
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Dear RADM McDonald:

This is in response to your letter of January 5, 2023, requesting approval of a modification of your Deck Program (MAMACP-153).

After a comprehensive evaluation, your request is pending and in need of the following additional supporting information and/or documentation:

1. If an Academy is not using the practical assessments from NVIC 12-14(Ch-6), it should submit a request for alternative assessments including sufficient documentation to demonstrate equivalency. The Cover Letter requests the course satisfy:
 - a. NVIC 12-14(Ch-1) Tasks 3.1, 3.2.A, 3.2.B, 3.3.A, 3.4, 3.5.A, and 3.6;
 - b. NVIC 10-14(Ch-1) Task 5.1;
 - c. NVIC 11-14 Tasks 5.1, 5.2.A, and 5.3.A.

It then goes on to break down assessments into Radar and ARPA using different numbers which are also referenced in the course outline. The Lab Sessions and examinations then use other assessment reference numbers. The performance conditions, behaviors, and standards associated with these assessments are not specified. List the assessments requested satisfied by this course using the NVIC 12-14(Ch-6), 10-14(Ch-4), and 11-14(Ch-4) task numbers, and state whether the performance conditions, behaviors, and standards in the NVICs will be used. If not using the NVICs, provide comparable alternate assessments for review and approval. Indicate where each of these competencies will be assessed in the course. (46 CFR 10.407(c); NVICs 03-14(Ch-1), 10-14(Ch-4), 11-14(Ch-4), 12-14(Ch-6), 13-14(Ch-4), 02-18(Ch-3); Academy SOP, Appendix 2)

2. Provide the final internal course code that will be used for Integrated Navigation I. This will be added as a reference in final approval documents.
3. Confirm that all instructors have completed training in instructional and assessment techniques. (Academy SOP, Appendix 2)

4. The Course Framework and a draft curriculum presented in the submittal contain conflicting prerequisite requirements. Confirm any prerequisites the student must satisfy prior to taking this course. (46 CFR 10.407; NVIC 03-14(Ch-1))
5. Since this is a course within an approved Academy undergraduate cadet program, no sample course completion certificate should be issued except as specifically detailed in the program approval letter and enclosures for MAMACP-153.

This pending status is valid for 90 days from the date of this letter. Should you require additional time to respond contact the National Maritime Center by email at NMCCourses@uscg.mil prior to the 90-day expiration. Requests for extensions will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. If the requested information or request for additional time is not received within the 90-day period, your request will be considered inactive and will be closed with no further action taken. You may resubmit a complete request, including the information noted above, at any time.

If you have questions contact Course Approvals at NMCCourses@uscg.mil or (304) 433-3720.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. R. Brandt', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

J. R. BRANDT
Chief, Mariner Training and Assessment Division
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By direction