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From: Commanding Officer, U.S. Coast Guard National Maritime Center
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Subj: U.S. COAST GUARD PERSONNEL SUBSTITUTING MODULE 054XX FOR
INITIAL DECK WATCH OFFICER EXAM (DWINTO)

Ref: (a) COMDTINST 16672.5A
(b) Email from LCDR T. Tierney, CG Institute, 131344 FEB07

1. PURPOSE.

This document provides guidance to the Regional Examination Centers (RECs) regarding the issuance of final grade to Coast Guard personnel who have been examined under module 054XX – Rules of the Road.

2. ACTION.


- a. Commanding Officers of units with RECs shall be governed by the contents of this guidance document for the administration of merchant marine examination 054XX to U.S. Coast Guard personnel.
- b. This guidance document will only be distributed electronically. It is available on the World Wide Web at <http://www.uscg.mil/stcw/index.htm> (click on Info Center then on Policy and Guidance).

3. DISCUSSION.

- a. Reference (a) allows Coast Guard personnel to substitute module 054XX – Rules of the Road, for the Initial Deck Watch Officer Exam (DWINTO). In paragraph 5 (c), Coast Guard personnel who have completed the exam are instructed to submit a copy of their test score sheet to the Coast Guard Institute for credit. This action is not acceptable as it may provide a means for examinations to be compromised and subsequently rendered un-useable.
- b. In Reference (b), the CG Institute who oversees the administration of the Deck Watch Officer (DWO) exam, has agreed to modify this process. This guidance letter immediately directs all RECs to disregard the process stated in paragraph 5 (c) of Reference (a) and instead issue a letter indicating the name, rank, last four digits of

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social security number of the Coast Guard member including the module number and final grade. This letter shall be signed by the appropriate authority on REC letterhead.


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