



MARITIME AND PORT AUTHORITY OF SINGAPORE

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Shipping Community

### **PILOTAGE EXEMPTION REFRESHER COURSE**

1 Shipmasters who hold a valid Pilotage Exemption Course certificate may seek pilotage exemption if their vessels are between 300 GT and 2000 GT in pilotage district Areas A and D and between 300 GT and 5000 GT in pilotage district Area B.

#### **Renewal of Pilotage Exemption Course certificate**

2 To renew the Pilotage Exemption Course certificate for another year, the shipmaster is required to attend the Pilotage Exemption Refresher Course.

3 The half-day refresher course is conducted at the Integrated Simulation Centre (next to Blk T1A of the Singapore Polytechnic located at 500 Dover Road) and may be attended up to 3 months before the expiry of the certificate. Application for the refresher course should be made at the:

Maritime Port and Training Section  
120 Cantonment Road  
#03-02 Maritime House  
Singapore 089760  
Tel No: 6324 4470  
Fax No: 6324 4476

#### **Renewal of Pilotage Exemption Course certificate after the expiry date**

4 A grace period of 3 months will be given for renewal of an expired certificate. During the grace period, shipmasters will have to engage the services of authorised harbour pilots for movements in the port. A shipmaster attending the refresher course, within the grace period, will have his certificate renewed for another year from the date of the refresher course. If the shipmaster fails to renew his certificate before the end of the grace period, he will have to attend the Pilotage Exemption Course again before he can seek pilotage exemption.

#### **Early Application**

5 The Pilotage Exemption Course certificates of about 400 shipmasters will expire on 1 January 2004. As the vacancies in each course are limited, shipmasters are encouraged to attend the refresher course early. As an incentive, a 10% discount on the course fee will be given to shipmasters attending the refresher courses scheduled between **1 October 2003 and 30 November 2003**.

6 Any query concerning this circular may be directed to Port Master's Department at Tel No: 63252453 / 6325 2460 or Fax No: 6325 2454.

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