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SUBJECT : REVISED POLICIES, STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES FOR THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN MARINE TRANSPORTATION (BSMT) AND BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN MARINE ENGINEERING (BSMarE) PROGRAMS

In accordance with 1) the pertinent provisions of Republic Act (RA) No. 7722, otherwise known as the "Higher Education Act of 1994" that mandates the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) to set the minimum standards for higher education programs without abridgment of the curriculum freedom of universities and colleges except for minimum unit requirements as may be determined by the Commission; and specific professional courses as may be stipulated by various licensing entities; 2) CHED Memorandum Order (CMO) No. 2, Series of 2011 that revised the Guidelines in the formulation of CHED Policies, Standards and Guidelines of Academic Program to hew more closely to the Constitutional provision of academic freedom in all institutions of higher learning and Section 13 of RA 7722; 3) CMO No. 46, Series of 2012 that advocate the shift to learning competency-based policies, standards and guidelines in higher education programs as well as outcomes-based quality assurance, among others; 4) CMO No. 20, Series 2013 that establishes the New General Education Curriculum (NGEC) for the holistic understandings, intellectual and civic competencies; 5) the International Convention of Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW), 1978, as amended; and 6) other component of IMO four pillars of Maritime Regulatory Compliance such as Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) Convention, Maritime Pollution Convention (MARPOL), and Maritime Labour Convention (MLC) of 2006; and by virtue of the Commission *en banc* (CEB) Resolution No. 0468-2017 dated July 4, 2017, the following policies, standards and guidelines for the Bachelor of Science in Marine Transportation (BSMT) and Bachelor of Science in Marine Engineering (BSMarE) programs are hereby adopted and promulgated by the Commission.

**ARTICLE I
INTRODUCTION**

Section 1. Rationale and Background

These policies, standards and guidelines were developed in pursuit of the educational reforms that include the enhanced basic education curriculum through K to 12, the New General Education Curriculum, and the ongoing quality assurance system for the development, recognition and award of qualification of the BSMT and BSMarE graduates based on the Philippine Qualifications Framework (PQF) Level 6 and International Standards.

