

## **Circular 236/2020**

**To:** Deputy Registrars, Vessel Owners, Managers, Masters and other interested parties.

**Subject:** Coronavirus (COVID 19) Guidance - Extension to validity of Cook Islands Certificates of Competency (CoC) and Cook Islands Certificates of Proficiency (CoP)

**References:** MCI Circular 229/2020, IMO Circular Letter No.4204/Add.5 – Coronavirus (COVID 19) Guidance relating to the certification of seafarers

**Date:** 07<sup>th</sup> August 2020

### **Background**

Further to the guidance outlined in MCI Circular 229/2020 relating to the validity of Cook Islands CoC and CoP, MCI will extend the validity of all Cook Islands CoC and CoP due to expire in 2020 to **31<sup>st</sup> December 2020.**

The individual seafarer will not be required to submit an application for extension pending COVID 19 restrictions, around the globe.

MCI will continue to monitor the situation to determine if the term will be extended further, in due course.

This circular may be amended at any time, taking into consideration any changes or advise provided by the appropriate authorities in respect to the COVID 19 outbreak.

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