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MEMORANDUM

From: Director, Afloat Personnel Management Center
To: All Masters

Subj: ABLE BODIED SEAMAN UPGRADE PROMOTION POLICY

1. The Afloat Personnel Management Center has conducted a review of the AB upgrade Program Promotion Policy in light of recent cancellation of the Crossdeck Program and the Commands desire to select the best qualified candidates from all sources to meet growing fleet requirements. Accordingly, at this time future consideration for AB promotion will be made via an open Promotion Opportunity Announcement (POA).
2. However, considering those Ordinary Seaman (OSs) that successfully completed their AB Upgrade Training on or before September 5, 2004, and in the midst of either obtaining their AB MMD and /or AB STCW/RFPNW Endorsements we will continue to evaluate via the Management Identification for Candidates (MIC) process until 5 March 05. Thereafter they will need to apply under an open POA. All AB Upgrade Program applicants that fit this criteria must submit their AB Upgrade and STCW/RFPNW applications through the APMC Training Division, in accordance with MSC Training Information Bulletin (01-04).
3. OSs that complete their AB Upgrade Training after 5 September 2004, must also submit their AB Upgrade and STCW/RFPNW applications to the APMC Training Division. When they obtain their AB MMD and AB STCW/RFPNW Endorsements, they must apply for promotion under an open POA.
4. Please disseminate to all OSs and post this notice accordingly. Questions regarding the next AB Promotion Opportunity Announcement should be directed to Joyce Sutton, who can be reached at (757) 417-4236 or via E-mail joyce.sutton@navy.mil. Carl Henderson, who can be reached at (757) 417-4223 or via E-mail carl.henderson@navy.mil remains the POC for the AB Upgrade Training and AB and STCW/RFPNW application processes.


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