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GUIDELINES ON THE ISSUANCE OF FIREARM QUALIFICATION CERTIFICATE

I. REFERENCE:

1. Republic Act No. 10591 (Comprehensive Firearms and Ammunition Regulation Act) dtd 29 May 2013
2. RA No.10591 Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) dtd 07 December 2013
3. CGA/CGWEISS SOP Nr 06 dated 21 August 2002
4. CGA/CGWEISS SOP Nr 10-21 dated 09 June 2021

II. PURPOSE:

This Standing Operating Procedure (SOP) serves as a parameter for all PCG officers and enlisted personnel in ensuring that all are adequately qualified and certified by the Maritime Security and Law Enforcement Command (MARSLEC) in the possession, usage, maintenance, and knowledge of necessary safety precautions on the issuance of PCG Individual Service Firearms and/or Unit Service Firearms.

III. SCOPE:

This shall be applicable to all active PCG personnel who are eligible to be issued PCG firearms upon passing the necessary proficiency tests and subsequently be issued a Firearm Qualification Certificate (FQC).

IV. DEFINITION OF TERMS:

The following terminologies and/or words shall be defined to mean or be understood as such, in so far as this SOP is concerned:

1. Certified Instructor – one who has been trained and accredited by a regulatory institution approved by the PNP FEO authorized to teach PCG personnel on the handling, maintenance and use of PCG-issued short and long firearms.
2. Firearm – refers to any handheld or portable weapon, whether a small arm or light weapon, that expels or is designed to expel a bullet, shot, slug, missile or any projectile, which is discharged by means of expansive force of gases from burning gunpowder or other form of combustion or any similar instrument or implement.
3. Individual Service Firearm – refers to a firearm issued to individual PCG uniformed personnel, under his/her name, and who shall be assigned for purposes of security and law enforcement until such time it is recalled, removed or repossessed by the PCG based on reasonable grounds.

V. GENERAL PROVISIONS:

1. The Firearms Qualification Certificate (FQC) shall be issued by MARSLEC to all active PCG personnel that have completed and passed the proficiency firing for marksmanship as determined by competent authority (accredited PPSA/PISMOC Range Officer).
2. The FQC is one of the requirements for the issuance of individually issued firearms. However, this certificate can be acquired without the other requirements as provided by the Guidelines on the Rationalized Issuance of PCG Firearms procedures.
3. For consideration purposes, all PCG personnel who have failed the proficiency firing may apply for another test which will be scheduled at a later date and upon approval of C, MARSLEC.
4. The proficiency firing will be conducted in the following distances: 10, 15, and 20 meters and the passing score will be determined by competent authority (accredited PPSA/PISMOC Range Officer).

VI. POLICIES:

1. The Firearms Qualification Certificate (FQC) shall only be issued by the MARSLEC to PCG officers and enlisted personnel that have completed the gun safety seminar and passed the proficiency qualification test as determined by competent authority (accredited PPSA/PISMOC Range Officer).
2. The criteria of the test after passing the neurological assessment shall be based on the outcome of practical shooting and result of the proficiency firing including but not limited to, accuracy in hitting of the target, grouping and consistency of shots, ability to react when weapons malfunction, and response of the personnel to an actual scenario that requires the use of firearms.

VII. PROCEDURE:

1. All PCG personnel subject for issuance must undergo the Gun Safety and Firearms Handling Seminar conducted by a certified instructor that will be provided by MSLES. Said seminar shall include:

- The 4-Rule Gun Safety
- Identification of components and functionality
- Disassembly and routine maintenance the weapon
- Loading and unloading of ammunition
- Ammunition identification

2. All PCG personnel must pass the Marksmanship Qualification Test based on the parameters that will be set by the certified instructor in accordance with existing rules and regulation on firearms handling.

VIII. RESPONSIBILITY:

MARSLEC shall ensure that all PCG personnel issued with service firearms adhere to the provisions contained in this SOP and existing provisions of law pertaining to the use of firearms and ammunition.

IX. EFFECTIVITY:

This SOP shall take effect upon publication.

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