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**MARITIME SAFETY SERVICES COMMAND (MSSC)
ELIGIBILITY BADGE**

I. REFERENCE:

HPCG Circular No. 06-10 dated 24 May 2010 "PCG Awards and Decorations".

II. PURPOSE:

This circular prescribes the eligibility, authority and policies governing the award of the MSSC Eligibility Badge.

III. OBJECTIVE:

- a. To give identification to personnel assigned at the Maritime Safety Services Command, its functional and sub-units.
- b. To boost pride and honor among personnel of the Maritime Safety Services Command.
- c. To provide policies, guidance and procedures for recommending, processing, deliberating and conferring MSSC Eligibility Badge.

IV. SCOPE:

This circular applies to all PCG personnel, former MSSC personnel and PCGA honorary members of the Maritime Safety Services Command (MSSC) as per salient provisions to receive the badge.

V. THE MSSC ELIGIBILITY BADGE

a. Description:

The design of the MSSC Eligibility Badge represents the following traditional elements that best describes the function of MSSC:

1. **MSSC LOGO** - one of the functional commands of the Philippine Coast Guard designed to help **prevent or minimize unnecessary loss of lives and properties at sea**. The emblem enforces regulations in accordance with all relevant maritime international conventions, treaties or instruments within the Philippine sovereignty.
2. **OCEAN WAVES** - represents **power, peace and boundlessness**. One of the strongest forces of nature. Its strong currents and waves have been known to cause destructive damage to any biotic and abiotic components of the ecosystem. Such that MSSC personnel are powerful enough to hurdle the strong and vast challenges in the call of duty. Ocean waves are often source of peace and tranquility, watching the short waves along the sea provides calmness to one's mind and soul. Symbolizes boundlessness as the ocean is as vast as the opportunities and learnings provided by the MSSC towards professional growth of every personnel.
3. **LAUREL WREATH** - represents **commitment** to the mandates of the Command and of the PCG Service. Symbolizes **triumph** in ancient Greek mythology. Likewise, represents MSSC's **character** as a command that promotes integrity, honor, pride and wisdom among its personnel, functional units and sub-units through committed and continuous schoolings, training and exercises.
4. **ANCHOR** - refers to **brave decisions, new adventures and new voyages** that MSSC envisions and look forward to. Symbolizes MSSC personnel's **stability** and **security** toward any challenges that may be encountered throughout all missions. Signifies vessel's seaworthiness compliant with PCG's safety standards, rules and regulations.
5. **LIGHT HOUSE** - viewed as symbol of **hope and security**. As beacon of light, it provides guidance for safe passage to sailors and protect not only their lives but the land nearby. It aids to successful navigation among sailors and fishermen as well as provides light and hope to MSSC as its sails through the rough and stormy seas.



6. **CIRCLE** - known as the symbol of **eternity and never-ending existence**. MSSC as one of the functional commands of the Philippine Coast Guard devotedly serve God, country and people endlessly and untiringly. Represents as life buoy in search and rescue operations and symbolizes MSSC's main function which is wholesome in saving lives and preventing the loss of life and property at sea.

b. To Whom Awarded:

1. PCG Officers and Non-Officers at the Maritime Safety Services Command (MSSC) and its functional units and sub-units.
2. Former PCG Officers and Non-Officers assigned at the Maritime Safety Services Command.
3. PCG Officers inducted as honorary members, to include PCGA, who are recommended by the Commander, MSSC for their contributions in Maritime Safety Services Command.

c. By Whom Awarded:

Commander, Maritime Safety Services Command (C, MSSC)

d. Qualifications:

1. Officer and Non-Officer assigned at Maritime Safety Services Command (MSSC) and served for at least one (1) year and have undergone Basic Maritime Safety Law Enforcement Course (BMSLEC) to include those who are previously assigned to the said Command.
2. PCG Officers who were inducted as honorary members and must have a significant contribution to the Maritime Safety Services Command recognized by Commander, MSSC.
3. Approval of Commander, MSSC upon recommendation by the Chief of Staff, MSSC.



e. **Dimensions:**

1. Height: 1 inch
2. Width: 1.5 inches









Figure 1. MSSC Eligibility Badge in PCG Uniform
(GOA, Bush Coat, Service Blouse, and White Duck)

f. **MSSC Eligibility Badge Level of Distinction**

Badge	Description	Level
A. MSSC Executive Badge	Plain Gold denoted with stars	Flag Ranks, C, MSSC, DC, MSSC and former C, MSSC (CG ADM, CG VADM, CG RADM, CG COMMO)
B. MSSC Officers Badge	Plain Gold	MSSC Officers, PCG Officers Honorary Members, PCGA Honorary Members
C. MSSC Enlisted Personnel Badge	Plain Silver	MSSC Non-Officers, PCG Non-Officers Honorary Members

g. **Illustration of Badges based on Level of Distinction:**

Level of Distinction	Badge Distinction
A. MSSC Executive Badge <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ CG ADMIRAL 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ CG VICE ADMIRAL 	 <p>The badge features a central anchor with a blue gemstone at the top, set within a circular frame. This is surrounded by a laurel wreath and two ornate scroll-like flourishes on either side. Above the anchor are three gold stars. Below the entire emblem is the acronym 'MSSC'.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ CG REAR ADMIRAL 	 <p>The badge features a central anchor with a blue gemstone at the top, set within a circular frame. This is surrounded by a laurel wreath and two ornate scroll-like flourishes on either side. Above the anchor are two gold stars. Below the entire emblem is the acronym 'MSSC'.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ CG COMMODORE 	 <p>The badge features a central anchor with a blue gemstone at the top, set within a circular frame. This is surrounded by a laurel wreath and two ornate scroll-like flourishes on either side. Above the anchor is one gold star. Below the entire emblem is the acronym 'MSSC'.</p>
<p>B. MSSC OFFICERS' BADGE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ CG P/ENS to CG CAPT 	 <p>The badge features a central anchor with a blue gemstone at the top, set within a circular frame. This is surrounded by a laurel wreath and two ornate scroll-like flourishes on either side. Below the entire emblem is the acronym 'MSSC'.</p>
<p>C. MSSC ENLISTED PERSONNEL BADGE</p>	 <p>The badge features a central anchor with a blue gemstone at the top, set within a circular frame. This is surrounded by a laurel wreath and two ornate scroll-like flourishes on either side. Below the entire emblem is the acronym 'MSSC'.</p>
<p>D. PCG Auxiliary (PCGA) BADGE</p>	 <p>The badge features a central anchor with a blue gemstone at the top, set within a circular frame. This is surrounded by a laurel wreath and two ornate scroll-like flourishes on either side. Above the anchor are the letters 'PCGA'. Below the entire emblem is the acronym 'MSSC'.</p>



VI. POLICY GUIDELINES

- a. Commander, MSSC, upon recommendation by the Chief of Staff, MSSC, has the authority to approve and grant the badge to the personnel assigned at MSSC and the honorary members.
- b. Commander, MSSC as designated approving authority will require eligibility (e.g., training, seminars, etc.) upon the approval and grant of MSSC Eligibility Badge.
- c. Granting of wearing MSSC Badge shall be covered and published through appropriate orders issued by the Office of the Maritime Safety Services Staff for Human Resource Management, MSS-1.

VII. MANNER OF WEARING

- a. The MSSC Eligibility Badge will be one inch in height (H=1.0") and one and half inches in width (W=1.5") at upright position.
- b. Personnel currently performing duties involving Maritime Safety Services functions shall wear the MSSC Eligibility Badge at the upper breast pocket above the line of medals or ribbons on all uniforms authorized by the Philippine Coast Guard except for Battle Dress Uniform. The badge must be seen and recognizable as a specialization of the bearer.
- c. Personnel not currently serving or have already completed their duties in MSSC, and honorary members shall wear the MSSC Eligibility Badge at the center right breast pocket on all uniforms authorized by the Philippine Coast Guard except for Battle Dress Uniform. The badge must be seen and recognizable as a specialization of the bearer.

VIII. TRANSITORY PROVISIONS

- a. Upon approval and effectivity of this circular:
 1. Personnel currently assigned at the Maritime Safety Services Command (MSSC) are entitled to the MSSC Eligibility Badge upon the recommendation of the Chief of Staff, MSSC, and with the approval of Commander, MSSC.
 2. Personnel who have been previously assigned at the Maritime Safety Services Command (MSSC) and PCGA honorary members, upon the recommendation of Commander, MSSC, are also entitled to the

MSSC Eligibility Badge upon the submission of documents, certificates or any pertinent papers.

3. Commander, MSSC shall ensure that certification and qualification procedures for acquiring the MSSC Eligibility Badge are properly implemented before granting said award.
4. The Office of the Maritime Safety Services Staff for Human Resource Management, MSS-1 should maintain records of all awards issued to include supporting documents.

IX. RESCISSION

Other policies that are inconsistent with this circular are hereby rescinded upon approval and effectivity of this circular.

X. EFFECTIVITY

This circular shall be implemented upon approval.

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