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To provide guidance to all concerned institutions and accredited providers of the Pre-Departure Orientation Seminar (PDOS) on the orderly implementation and conduct of PDOS for **SEAFARERS**, this Advisory is being issued to reiterate and clarify policy and operational issues:

1. Manning agencies and manning industry associations and seamen's unions shall provide PDOS only to seafarers.
2. Individual manning agency with accredited in-house PDOS program shall provide PDOS only to their own seafarer-recruits.
3. PDOS shall be provided free of charge to the seafarers. A fee not exceeding P100.00 may be allowed, provided that said fee shall be borne by the deploying manning agency.
4. Extension or setting up of PDOS office outside the venue approved by OWWA shall not be allowed without the prior approval of OWWA.

Authorizations and exemptions issued prior to and contrary to this Advisory are deemed expired. OWWA will issue accreditation letters that will specify the sectors that each PDOS provider is authorized to service.

Any violation of these guidelines will result to the immediate cancellation of the accreditation of the PDOS provider.

For the information and strict compliance of all concerned.

  
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