

## Training Circular No.8 of 2006

No: 21-TR (3)/2006

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**Subject : - Admission Process for One Year Diploma in Nautical Science programme leading to Bachelor Degree in Nautical Science with Indira Gandhi national Open University (IGNOU)**

The Director General of Shipping has approved the Diploma in Nautical Science programme leading to Bachelor Degree in Nautical Science in collaboration with IGNOU. The first batch of the course was carried out with effect from August 2004 and so far three batches have been successfully completed for the said course.

2. The Directorate regularly conducts Monitoring & Implementation Committee (MIC) meetings with IGNOU regarding the implementation of the project in effective manner. Also necessary feedback is also received from time to time, from the institutes conducting the course. A MIC meeting was held with IGNOU on 03.03.2006 where few selected institutes were also invited for discussions. During the meeting it was highlighted that the admission process of January 2006 batch was carried out by IGNOU along with the institutes and it has been the experience that the response of the candidates for August batches is more than the January batches. The reasons were deliberated and it was inferred that it is possibly due to declaration of the results by various State Boards by June/ July every year. Accordingly it was suggested that the institutes may be permitted to select the candidates for both batches concurrently.

3. In view of aforesaid the proposal has been examined by the Directorate and an input was also received from the Shipping industry. It has been decided accordingly that the Combined entrance Examination would be carried out by IGNOU for August and January batches, as per the procedures being adopted by IGNOU for August batch and the candidates, as per eligibility and merit status, would be nominated for the two batches accordingly by the IGNOU. The training institutes that need to select the sponsored candidates through INSA/MASSA/FOSMA companies, as per the guidelines already issued would be able to select the candidates for the August and January batches simultaneously. The details of these candidates need be intimated to IGNOU for necessary screening etc., as per procedure adopted so far.

4. It is clarified that the eligibility criteria for the course and batches would remain unchanged.

Aspiring candidates need to be eligible for the course as on the date of commencement of the respective batch. The eligibility criteria promulgated vide DGS Circular No 7 of 2005 dated 17 June 2005 must be adhered and the conditions vide Training Circular No 2 of 2005 dated 01.01.2005 are relevant. The training institutes are free to approach the Directorate and IGNOU for any clarification in this regard.

5. This issues with the approval of the Director General of Shipping and Secretary to the Government of India.

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