

DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA		
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Ref: QMS: EACQP - 07 - 1	Subject: Temporary suspension of new approvals and increase in capacity of ECDIS course as per IMO Model Course 1.27 (2012 edition) and STCW 2010 circular No. 29 of 2012	File No: TR/CIR/6(11)/2011
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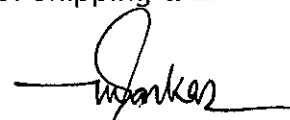
1. Ship owners, managers, training providers, seafarers are informed that consequent to issuance of STCW 2010 Circular No. 29 of 2012 dated 10.12.2012, there has been overwhelming response to start Electronic Chart Display & Information System [ECDIS] Course from existing DGS approved training institutions, shipping companies; RPSL agents and manufacturers.

2. Since the date of issuance of said circular i.e. 10th Dec 2012, the Directorate has received 26 proposals till date, which accounts for an annual capacity in excess of 15,000, which is considered more than adequate.

3. In view of the above and to curb the problems of overcapacity, the Director General of Shipping, Govt. of India, has decided that there will be a temporary suspension of further approvals and increase in intake of the ECDIS course w.e.f. 16.02.2013. Therefore, proposals received on or before 15th Feb 2013, in the Training Branch of the Directorate, as per the STCW 2010 circular No.29 of 2012 and complete in all respects, will be processed on merits. No proposals shall be accepted thereafter, until further instructions in this regard.

4. The training Institutes/Training providers are accordingly advised to be ready in all respects for inspection immediately upon filing of application. The Directorate will endeavor to complete inspection by 28th Feb 2013 of all the institutes/ Training Providers, and if serious deficiencies are observed during such inspections, the deemed approval issued if any, will be withdrawn and all such tendered applications would be disqualified for further inspection. This circular will be reviewed after one year.

5. This is issued with the approval of the Director General of Shipping & Ex-officio Additional Secretary to the Govt. of India.



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