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Sub: Engineering Management preparatory course for Marine Engineer Officer- Class I Examination – reg.

1. The International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watch-keeping for Seafarers, 1978 (STCW Convention), was amended on the 7th of July, 1995 and has entered into force on the 1st of August, 1998. India has ratified the said amendments and accordingly has framed the Merchant Shipping (Standards of Training, Certification and Watch-keeping for Seafarers) Rules, 1998, and the said rules have entered into force on 1st August, 1998. The Directorate General of Shipping has also issued various Circulars to facilitate the seafarers for an up-gradation and examination towards the issuance of certificates of competencies in accordance with the STCW, 95. One such circular is the Engine Circular No. 16 [F. No.ENG/EXAM-17(26)/2000-I] issued on 03.10.03, which specified the Marine Engineer Officer [MEO] Class I Engineering management course run by three Government Institutions viz., the Marine Engineering Research Institute, Kolkata, Marine Engineering Research Institute, Mumbai and National Institute of Port Management, Chennai.

2. The Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watch keeping for Seafarers (STCW) and its associated Code under went modifications, which were adopted in June, 2010 and stand known as the 'Manila Amendments'. The said amendments are set to enter into force on 01.01.12, under the tacit acceptance procedure.


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3. Considering that the Standards of Training, Certification and Watch-keeping 95 (STCW,95) has undergone changes as a result of the said Manila Amendments, a decision taken in the 20th Collegium meeting held in Mumbai on 6th October, 2010 under the Directorate General of Shipping was taken to allow private training institutes to conduct the said MEO Class-I preparatory course. During the said meeting, the Director-General of Shipping had also desired that though there should be creation of sufficient capacity to meet the demand for the MEO Class-I preparatory course, such capacity should not be in excess of the demand therefor.

4. The said MEO Class-I preparatory course comprises of topics which have some commonality with the following courses;


4.1. Advanced shipboard management for Masters & Mates.

4.2. Preparatory course for MEO Class-II.


5. Therefore, those training institutes which have been conducting either or both the above said courses for the last 3 years, without substantive complaints, are eligible to apply to the Directorate General of Shipping, Mumbai, for conducting the MEO Class-I preparatory course, subject to their fulfilling the other conditions as laid down for the purpose and spelt out herein below;

5.1. The Course in-Charge must be in permanent employment of the applicant institute and have a minimum qualification as an Extra First Class Certificate of Competency [COC] or Master of Science [MSc.] in Maritime Safety Administration/Environment Protection/Education & training from the World Maritime University [WMU], Malmo or Post Graduate Diploma in Maritime Operation and Management [PGDMOM] from an Indian Institute of Technology [IIT] or MEO Class-I with 10 years of relevant teaching experience.

5.2. In case the Course in-Charge is required to impart lectures, such lectures are not to exceed 2 (two) hours on any given day.


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- 5.3. Faculty deployed for lecturing on specific topics must be either qualified as stated at Para 5.1 above, or experts of eminence in the relevant areas, and not participating in an assessment of MEO Class-I (written or orals), as conducted by the DGS.
- 5.4. There is no restriction on the deployment of experienced sailing Chief Engineers / Masters who are on-leave for lecturing purpose, provided that they are experts in the relevant areas, are used with regularity and are otherwise proficient as Lecturers.
- 5.5. Institutes shall pay special attention to the pedagogic abilities of all involved with lecturing.
- 5.6. The Course-in-Charge and faculty are to be approved by the Academic Councils concerned. Such an approval is liable to be intervened with, inter-alia, for persistent poor performance of the candidates of The MEO Class-I examination.
- 5.7. The Institutes should have facility to conduct the Diesel Engine Combustion Gas Monitor Simulator Course.
- 5.8. All the Maritime Training Institutes are hereby advised that they must fulfill all the preceding conditions and shall prepare the course materials & associated guidelines before submission of applications for the purpose to the Directorate General of Shipping.
6. This circular comes into force with an immediate effect, and issues with the approval of the Director General of Shipping & ex-officio Additional Secretary to the Government of India.


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To

1. All The Academic Councils.
2. All The Maritime Training Institutes
3. Engineering & Nautical Branches of the DGS.
4. IMU, Chennai, Mumbai & Kolkata.
- ✓ 5. Computer Cell

