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|  | <u><b>DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI</b></u>  | <b>IS/ISO Clause<br/>No.7.1</b>                             |
| <b>Ref.: QMS EACQP-07-1</b><br>Page 1 of 2  | <b>Subject:- Amendment of requirement and eligibility criteria of modular courses for the Fishing Grade CoC aspirants-</b> | <b>File No.<br/>TR/CIR/6(5)/2014 of<br/>TRAINING BRANCH</b> |
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The Fishing Vessel certification is governed under the Merchant Shipping (Examination of Skippers and Mate of Fishing Vessel) Rules, 1987, as amended, (hereinafter referred to as Rules). The Directorate General of Shipping has endeavored to update all the modular and competency courses in line with the STCW requirements, through the issuance of DG Circulars, and Merchant Shipping Notices (M.S. Notices), from time to time, for the benefit of the industry and personnel aspiring to obtain Certificate of Competency (CoC) under the aforesaid rules. For this purpose, the M.S. Notice No.10 of 2010, dated 07.07.2010 was issued by the Directorate introducing two new entry streams, namely Bachelor in Fishing Science B.F.Sc (NS) & Vessel Navigator Course (VNC), into the deck department of a fishing vessel certification, and also prescribed modular courses, which are in the form of unified requirements (mainly aimed at STCW).


2. The unified modular courses, though delivering the same intended effect have different 'Entry Standards' prescribed in their approved course guidelines, since such modular courses are aligned to meet STCW requirement. Under the aforesaid MS Notice, the ex-CIFNET aspirants of B.F.Sc (NS) & Vessel Navigator Course (VNC), are required to undergo only 6 months and 9 months sea-going service respectively, whereas, the minimum eligibility criteria for entry standards are prescribed to be of one year sea-going service for following courses:

- (i) Radar Observer Simulator Course (ROSC), erstwhile, prescribed as 'Radar Observer Course' (ROC) in the Rules.
- (ii) Automatic Radar Plotting Aids (ARPA) - which was not a mandatory requirement under the Rules, however, became a pre-requisite, following the requirement for Navigation Simulator Course (RANSCO) course.

3. Additionally, the Global Maritime Distress and Safety Systems (GMDSS) Course was not prescribed under the Rules. However, since the Ministry of Communication (MoC) has stopped conducting the Marine Communication Course (MCC), all the deck officers are now required to undergo GMDSS Course.

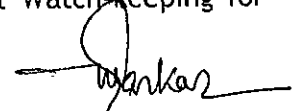
4. For the benefit of the Fishing Grade seafarers who are affected by the aforesaid situation, and considering the duration of long pre-sea training course with embedded sea-going service for this Grade, the Director General of Shipping in partial modification to 'Entry Standards' stated in the below mentioned course guidelines, i.e., Training Circular No. 05 of 2004, dated 22.03.04, Training Circular No. 07 of 2004, dated 22.03.04 and Training Circular No. 06 of 2012, dated 12.12.2012, hereby prescribes the revised sea-going service and eligibility criteria for the Fishing Grade, as follows-

- (i) For ROSC: Training Circular No. 05 of 2004, dated 22.03.2004 - the sea-going service including navigation bridge watch-keeping is now revised to read 6 months in case of B.F.Sc (NS) & 9 months in case of Vessel Navigator Course (VNC) on a fishing vessel.

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- (ii) For ARPA course: Training Circular No. 05 of 2004, dated 22.03.2004 - candidates of sub-para (i) above, holding ROSC certificate shall be treated as eligible and admitted.
- (iii) For RANSCO: Training Circular No. 07 of 2004, dated 22.03.2004 - the candidates of sub-para (i) & (ii) above, holding ROSC and ARPA certificate shall be treated as eligible and admitted.
- (iv) For GMDSS course: Ministry of Communications, Notification No. GSR. 133, dated 06.07.1998 and Training Circular No. 06 of 2012, dated 12.12.2012 - for the candidates who have passed "Mate of a Fishing Vessel" written and oral examinations, the duly endorsed "EXN 45" Form to this effect, shall be treated as a recognized certificate by the Directorate, and have equivalence for the purpose of eligibility and admission to the aforesaid course, as prescribed at para 4.(iii) (b) of the said notification of the MoC.

5. This is issued with the approval of the Director General of Shipping and Ex-Officio Additional Secretary to the Govt. of India, in exercise of the powers conferred in Chapter IX Rule 47 of the Merchant Shipping [Standard of Training, Certification & Watch-keeping for Seafarers] Rules, 1998, as amended.



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