

Directorate General of Shipping, Govt. of India, Mumbai		
	TRAINING BRANCH	IS / ISO Clause No. 7.1
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1. The International Code for ships operating in Polar waters. (The Polar Code) entered into force through the new Chapter XIV of SOLAS (i.e. *Safety Measures for ships operating in Polar Waters*).

2. The amendment to the STCW Convention was carried out vide MSC Resolution 416 (97) dated 25.11.2016 and the STCW Code was amended vide MSC Resolution 417(97) dated 25.11.2016. The amendments to the STCW Convention and code introduced new training and certifications requirements for Masters, Chief Mates and Officers in charge of navigational watch on ships operating in Polar waters. The new training requirements introduced as follows:

2.1 Basic training for ships operating in polar waters

2.2 Advanced training for ships operating in polar waters.

3. The '*Manning and Training*' Chapter of Polar Code [Chapter 12, Part I-A] at Para 12.2 requires Masters, Chief Mates and Officers in charge of a navigational watch to have completed training to attain the required abilities that are appropriate to the capacities to be filled and duties and responsibilities to be taken considering the amended provisions of the STCW Convention and the STCW Code.

4. The DGS issued Circular NT/EXAM 02 of 2018 on Transitional provisions for Certification of Masters and deck officers on ships operating in polar waters. The said circular at para 7 specified the requirements for assessment for sea service performed onboard ship operating in polar waters or other equivalent waters towards issuance of certificate of Advanced training for continuing seagoing service onboard ships operating in polar waters.

5. To specify the requirement of Advanced training for ships operating in polar waters, the Directorate General of Shipping has formulated the following guidelines for the conduct of the "Advanced Training for Ships Operating in Polar Waters" course as annexed to this circular.

6. The ID No. assigned for the "Advanced *training for ships operating in Polar waters*" Course is 310. The duration of this course is 30.5 hours (5 days) and the frequency of the course shall not exceed 48 in a calendar year.