	<u>DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, GOVT.OF INDIA, MUMBAI</u>	IS/ISO Clause No.7.1
Ref.: QMS - 7.0 Page 1	Sub: Minimum eligibility criteria for admissions in pre-sea maritime courses, Introduction of “Common Entrance Test” (CET) and Online Counselling.	No.TR/Mis./9(10)/2017
Approved by the Director General of Shipping.	Training Circular No. 12 of 2020	Date: 1st April, 2020

1. Whereas India being signatory to the International Convention on “Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW), 1978, as amended is obliged to comply with the requirements of the said Convention.
2. Whereas the Directorate had issued D.G. Shipping Circular No. 07 of 2005 dated 17 / 06 / 2005 stating the “Eligibility criteria for selection of candidates for various pre-sea training courses”. The said circular has been through a number of amendments since then.
3. Whereas the entry standards for various maritime courses approved by the Directorate were also mentioned in the various Orders / Guidelines issued by the Directorate time to time.
4. Whereas a need was felt for consolidating the eligibility criteria for admission in pre-sea maritime courses owing to confusion regarding eligibility for admission among the aspiring seafarers and the maritime community in general.
5. Whereas the maritime awareness is lacking in young students resulting in their getting trapped in to false promises by fraudulent agents.

6. Whereas maintenance of minimum basic standards for entry in to maritime training courses as is the case with other professional courses is essential for ensuring quality seafarers. In respect of other professional courses, AICTE and Ministry of Human Resource Development have moved towards conduct of Common Entrance Tests as a neutral method of evaluating the quality of entrants in the professional courses.
7. Whereas the need for regulating the quality of intake through a Common Entrance Exam for maritime courses has been felt in Merchant Navy also. In respect of professional courses relating to Merchant Navy, responsibility of regulating the quality of training vests with the Director General of Shipping.
8. Whereas the “Indian Maritime University” (IMU), a central university has been successfully conducting an online “Common Entrance Test” (CET) to admit candidates for pre-sea maritime courses in Maritime Training Institutes (MTI) of the IMU and 19 other MTIs which are affiliated to IMU.
9. Whereas the IMU is conducting the online CET exams at over 100 centers spread across 36 cities in India.
10. Whereas the centralized recognized Common Entrance Test if advertised would create maritime awareness among young students and help in promoting Maritime Education and Training in India.
11. Whereas a centralized counselling mechanism would aid the aspiring seafarers and their parents to understand the job profile of merchant navy personnel.
12. The Director General of Shipping and Additional Secretary to Government of India is hereby pleased to prescribe the minimum eligibility criteria for admission in maritime courses. The Director General of Shipping and Additional Secretary to Government of India has also decided to implement

the Online “Common Entrance Test” (CET) and Online Counselling for admissions in all the pre-sea maritime courses in phases

12.1. Minimum Eligibility Criteria for admission in pre-sea maritime courses

- 12.1.1. The minimum eligibility criteria for admission in pre-sea maritime courses is given in Annexure – 1 of this Training Circular.
- 12.1.2. Candidates must be medically fit including eye sight and hearing as prescribed in the Merchant Shipping (Medical Examination) Rules, 2000, as amended.
- 12.1.3. Part time or distance learning or correspondence course or any combination of these shall not be considered.
- 12.1.4. The minimum and maximum age limits mentioned in Annexure – 1 shall be considered as on the date of commencement of the pre-sea maritime course.
 - 12.1.4.1. The maximum age limit mentioned in Annexure – 1 shall be applicable for General Category candidates.
 - 12.1.4.2. The maximum age limit for candidates belonging to “Scheduled Caste” (SC) / “Scheduled Tribe” (ST) Category shall be relaxed by 5 years.
 - 12.1.4.3. The maximum age limit for candidates belonging to Non-creamy layer of “Other Backward Classes” (OBC) Category shall be relaxed by 3 years.
 - 12.1.4.4. The maximum age limit for women candidates of each Category shall be relaxed by additional 2 years.

12.2. Online “Common Entrance Test” (CET)

The “Common Entrance Test” (CET) for admissions in all the pre-sea maritime courses in phases. The “Common Entrance Test” (CET) shall be conducted by IMU for all DGS approved Maritime Training Institutes on behalf of the Directorate. In the initial phase, the CET shall be conducted for admission in the following pre-sea maritime courses.

12.2.1. BE / B-Tech in Marine Engineering (4 years duration).

12.2.2. B. Sc (Nautical Science) (3 years duration).

12.2.3. Diploma in Nautical Science course leading to B.Sc (Nautical Science).


12.3. Online Counselling

There shall be a common online counselling of the candidates for admissions in various MTIs. However, the MTI is free to opt out of the common counselling and have their own counselling. The MTIs may also have a dual system of own counselling for part of the seats and common counselling for the remaining part and in that case the number of seats offered for common counselling shall be notified to the Directorate.

The Maritime Training Institutes (MTI) approved by the Directorate for conducting the pre-sea maritime courses viz: BE / B-Tech in Marine Engineering (4 years duration), B. Sc (Nautical Science) (3 years duration) and Diploma in Nautical Science (1 year duration) courses shall submit their Counselling plan to the Directorate latest by 01 / 05 / 2020.

13. This Training Circular supersedes the following Training Circulars.
 - 13.1. Training Circular No. 07 of 2020 dated 03 / 03 / 2020.
 - 13.2. Corrigendum to Training Circular No. 07 of 2010 dated 25 / 02 / 2019.
 - 13.3. Training Circular No. 16 of 2018 dated 14 / 05 / 2018.
 - 13.4. Training Circular No. 11 of 2016 dated 16 / 12 / 2016.
 - 13.5. Training Circular No. 09 of 2016 dated 24 / 11 / 2016.
 - 13.6. DGS Letter No. TR / NOC / 2 (3) / 2011 / 160 dated 01 / 03 / 2016.
 - 13.7. DGS Letter No. TR / NOC / 2 (3) / 2011 / 81 dated 25 / 02 / 2015.
 - 13.8. Training Circular No. 04 of 2014 dated 10 / 04 / 2014.
 - 13.9. Training Circular No. 05 of 2013 dated 17 / 04 / 2013.
 - 13.10. Training Circular No. 03 of 2013 dated 13 / 02 / 2013.
 - 13.11. Training Circular No. 01 of 2013 dated 03 / 01 / 2013.
 - 13.12. Training Circular No. 05 of 2012 dated 07 / 09 / 2012 was amended by Training Circular No. 16 of 2018 dated 14 / 05 / 2018.
 - 13.13. Training Circular No. 08 of 2011 dated 03 / 06 / 2011.
 - 13.14. Para 3 of Training Circular No. 01 of 2011 dated 10 / 02 / 2011 was superseded by Corrigendum to Training Circular No. 01 of 2011 dated 12 / 06 / 2012.
 - 13.15. Corrigendum to Training Circular No. 01 of 2011 dated 12 / 06 / 2012 is now superseded.
 - 13.16. Para 2 of revised guidelines mentioned in Training Circular No. 07 of 2010 dated 17 / 06 / 2010.
 - 13.17. Training Circular No. 06 of 2010 dated 10 / 06 / 2010.
 - 13.18. Training Circular No. 02 of 2009 dated 09 / 01 / 2009.
 - 13.19. Training Circular No. 07 of 2008 dated 07 / 08 / 2008.
 - 13.20. Training Circular No. 06 of 2007 dated 11 / 09 / 2007.

- 13.21. Training Circular No. 4 of 2006 dated 06 / 02 / 2006 superseded by Training Circular No. 07 of 2010 dated 17 / 06 / 2010.
- 13.22. Training Circular No. 18 of 2005 dated 16 / 06 / 2005 superseded by Training Circular No. 07 of 2010 dated 17 / 06 / 2010.
- 13.23. Training Circular No. 07 of 2005 dated 17 / 06 / 2005.
- 13.24. M.S. Notice No. 26 of 2003 dated 30 / 10 / 2003.
14. This Training Circular comes in to force from 01 / 03 / 2020.
15. This issues with the approval of the Director General of Shipping and Additional Secretary to the Government. of India.


01 April 2020

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To

1. All the stakeholders through DGS website.
2. All DGS approved Maritime Training Institutes
3. All Mercantile Marine Department [MMDs]
4. Chief Surveyor & Chief Examiner of Engineers, DGS, GoI
5. Nautical Advisor and Chief Examiner of Master and Mates, DGS, GoI

Annexure - 1 - Minimum eligibility criteria for admission in pre-sea maritime courses

General information -

1. Candidates must be medically fit including eye sight and hearing as prescribed in the Merchant Shipping (Medical Examination) Rules, 2000, as amended.
2. Part Time or Distance Learning or Correspondence Course or any combination of these will not be considered .
3. The minimum and maximum age limits mentioned in Annexure – 1 shall be considered as on the date of commencement of the pre-sea maritime course.
4. The maximum age limit mentioned below shall be applicable for General Category candidates.
5. The maximum age limit for candidates belonging to “Scheduled Caste” (SC) / “Scheduled Tribe” (ST) Category shall be relaxed by 5 years.
6. The maximum age limit for candidates belonging to Non-creamy layer of “Other Backward Classes” (OBC) Category shall be relaxed by 3 years.
7. The maximum age limit for women candidates of each Category shall be relaxed by additional 2 years.

SN	Name of Pre-sea maritime Course	Course duration	Minimum Academic Qualification	Minimum Age limit (Years)	Maximum Age limit (Years)
1.	B.Sc. (Nautical Science)	3 years	<p>1. Qualified in Online Common Entrance Test</p> <p>2. Academic Qualification -</p> <p>(a) Pass in 12 th Standard or equivalent examination with Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics and English as separate subjects with a PCM average of not less than 60%.</p> <p>(b) The candidate must have secured minimum 50% marks in English language in 10 th or 12 th standard exam.</p> <p>Note - 1. The candidate must have passed the 10 th and 12 th standard from a recognized board.</p>	-	25

SN	Name of Pre-sea maritime Course	Course duration	Minimum Academic Qualification	Minimum Age limit (Years)	Maximum Age limit (Years)
2.	Diploma in Nautical Science leading to B. Sc. (Nautical Science) (DNS)		1. Qualified in in Online Common Entrance Test 2. Academic Qualification - (a) Pass in 12 th Standard or equivalent examination with Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics and English as separate subjects with a PCM average of not less than 60%. (b) The candiadate must have secured minimum 50% marks in English language in 10 th or 12 th standard exam. Note - 1. The candidate must have passed the 10 th and 12 th standard from a recognized board.	-	25
			OR 1. Qualified in in Online Common Entrance Test 2. Academic Qualification (a) B.Sc. in Physics, Mathematics, Chemistry or Electronics with Physics as individual subject in one of the year, with an average of not less than 55% of marks in the final year. (b) The candidate must have secured minimum 50% marks in English language in 10th or 12th Standard exam. Note - 1. The candidate must have passed the 10 th, 12 th standard and degree from a recognized board or any University.	-	25
			OR 1. Qualified in Online Common Entrance Test 2. Academic Qualification (a) B.E./B. Tech. Degree from I.I.T. or from a college recognized by AICTE with an average of not less than 50% of marks in the final year. (b) The candidate must have secured minimum 50% marks in English language in 10th or 12th Standard or in the Degree course conducted by recognized Board or any University. Note - 1. The candidate must have passed the 10 th, 12 th standard and degree from a recognized board or any University.	-	25

SN	Name of Pre-sea maritime Course	Course duration	Minimum Academic Qualification	Minimum Age limit (Years)	Maximum Age limit (Years)
3	BE / B-Tech Marine Engineering	4 years	<p>1. Qualified in Online Common Entrance Test</p> <p>2. Academic Qualification - (a) Pass in 12 th standard or equivalent examination with Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics and English as separate subjects with a PCM average of not less than 60%. (b) The candidate must have secured minimum of 50% marks in English language in 10th or 12th Standard.</p> <p>Note - 1. The candidate must have passed the 10 th and 12 th standard from a recognized board. 2. These Candidates are exempted from appearing in all subjects of part 'A' of both MEO Class – IV and MEO Class – II grade of examinations. 3. A relaxation of 5% marks in English shall be granted to the candidates who are native of the Lakshadweep and Andaman and Nicobar islands and belong to Scheduled Tribes and who and both of whose parents were born in those islands and belong to the Scheduled Tribes of those islands.</p>	-	25
OR					
			<p>1. Qualified in Online Common Entrance Test</p> <p>2. Academic Qualification - (a) Candidate can join 2nd year of 4-Year Marine Engineering Degree Course provided he has passed 1st year training from the Alternate Training Scheme, approved by D.G. Shipping (This will not be applicable to MERI). (b) The candidate must have secured minimum of 50% marks in English language at 10th or 12th Standard or in the Degree / Diploma course conducted by recognized Board or University.</p> <p>Note - 1. The candidate must have passed the 10 th and 12 th standard from a recognized board. 2. These Candidates are exempted from appearing in all subjects of part 'A' of both MEO Class – IV and MEO Class – II grade of examinations. 3. A relaxation of 5% marks in English shall be granted to the candidates who are native of the Lakshadweep and Andaman and Nicobar islands and belong to Scheduled Tribes and who and both of whose parents were born in those islands and belong to the Scheduled Tribes of those islands.</p>	-	25

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			<p>OR</p> <p>1. Qualified in Online Common Entrance Test</p> <p>2. Academic Qualification -</p> <p>(a) Candidates can join 2nd year of 4-Year Marine Engineering Degree Course who have passed 1st year from the Engineering College in other streams like Mechanical or Electrical approved by AICTE with minimum 60% average marks.</p> <p>(b) The candidate must have secured minimum of 50% marks in English language at 10th or 12th Standard or in the Degree / Diploma course conducted by recognized Board or University.</p> <p>Note - 1. The candidate must have passed the 10 th and 12 th standard from a recognized board. 2. These Candidates are exempted from appearing in all subjects of part 'A' of both MEO Class – IV and MEO Class – II grade of examinations. 3. A relaxation of 5% marks in English shall be granted to the candidates who are native of the Lakshadweep and Andaman and Nicobar islands and belong to Scheduled Tribes and who and both of whose parents were born in those islands and belong to the Scheduled Tribes of those islands.</p>	-	25
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			<p>1. Qualified in Online Common Entrance Test</p> <p>2. Academic Qualification -</p> <p>(a) Candidates can join 2nd year of 4-Year Marine Engineering Degree Course who have passed 3 years Diploma Course in Mechanical / Marine / Electrical / Electrical and Electronics, from the colleges approved by AICTE or State Board of Technical Education with minimum 55% of aggregate marks in the last year of Diploma Course.</p> <p>(b) The candidate must have secured minimum of 50% marks in English language at 10th or 12th Standard or in the Degree / Diploma course conducted by recognized Board or University.</p> <p>Note - 1. The candidate must have passed the 10 th and 12 th standard from a recognized board. 2. These Candidates are exempted from appearing in all subjects of part 'A' of both MEO Class – IV and MEO Class – II grade of examinations. 3. A relaxation of 5% marks in English shall be granted to the candidates who are native of the Lakshadweep and Andaman and Nicobar islands and belong to Scheduled Tribes and who and both of whose parents were born in those islands and belong to the Scheduled Tribes of those islands.</p>	-	25
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			<p>1. Qualified in Online Common Entrance Test</p> <p>2. Academic Qualification -</p> <p>(a) A candidate can join 2nd year of 4 Year's Marine Engineering Degree course who have passed 4 years Diploma in Shipbuilding Engineering from the colleges approved by AICTE or State Board of Technical Education with minimum 55% aggregate marks in the last year of diploma course</p> <p>(b) The candidate must have secured minimum of 50% marks in English language at 10th or 12th Std or in the Degree / Diploma course conducted by recognized Board or University.</p> <p>Note - 1. The candidate must have passed the 10 th and 12 th standard from a recognized board. 2. These Candidates are exempted from appearing in all subjects of part 'A' of both MEO Class – IV and MEO Class – II grade of examinations. 3. A relaxation of 5% marks in English shall be granted to the candidates who are native of the Lakshadweep and Andaman and Nicobar islands and belong to Scheduled Tribes and who and both of whose parents were born in those islands and belong to the Scheduled Tribes of those islands.</p>	-	25
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