


<b>DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, GOVT. OF INDIA, MUMBAI</b>		
	<b>TRAINING BRANCH</b>	Ref.:QMS 7.0 IS/ISO Clause No. 7.1
	<b>Sub: Age relaxation for academic Year 2020-21.</b>	File No. 20/19016/34/2020-TRG- DGS
Approved by: Director General of Shipping	DGS Circular No.33 of 2020	Dated: 28.10.2020

1. Whereas the International Convention on "Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for seafarers" (STCW), 1978, as amended, requires maritime administration to control, monitor and supervise the Maritime Training Institutes (MTI) approved for conducting the maritime courses.
2. Whereas the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic caused disruptions in the education system across the country leading to unprecedented uncertainties.
3. Whereas the maritime courses were suspended by the Directorate vide DGS Order No. 02 of 2020 dated 16th March, 2020 and DGS Order No. 05 of 2020 dated 23 March, 2020 owing to the pandemic COVID-19.
4. Whereas the Directorate had issued Training Circular No. 12 of 2020 dated 01.04.2020 on "Minimum Eligibility criteria for admission in Pre-Sea maritime courses, introduction of Common Entrance Test (CET) and Online Counseling". The said circular along with other minimum eligibility criteria also mentions about minimum and maximum age limit for the admission to the course.

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