

Issue of limited purpose Indian CDC and Seafarers' Identity Documents {SID} to Deck and Engine cadets completing the Higher National Diploma Pre-Sea Courses under foreign maritime administration enabling them to undergo required shipboard training.

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Subject : Issue of limited purpose Indian CDC and Seafarers' Identity Documents {SID} to Deck and Engine cadets completing the Higher National Diploma Pre-Sea Courses under foreign maritime administration enabling them to undergo required shipboard training.

Continuous Discharge Certificate-cum-Seafarers' Identity Documents [CDCs] are issued to only those applicants who successfully complete the pre-sea training from a training institute approved by the Director General of Shipping in accordance with Merchant Shipping [Continuation Discharge Certificate-cum-Seafarer's Identity Document] Rules, 2001 which came into force w.e.f. 19.06.2001. Vide [DGS Order No.10 of 2001](#) dated 16.10.2001, the Director General of Shipping had directed that CDCs may be issued to those Deck Cadets and Trainee Marine Engineers who had undergone the training prescribed by the Maritime Administrations of the foreign nations, which are included in the white list of the International Maritime Organization [IMO], and who are eligible to proceed to sea. The said DGS Order was partially modified vide M.S. Notice No.27 of 2003 dated 3.12.2003, wherein prior approval from the Directorate General of Shipping was made mandatory for commencing such courses prescribed under foreign maritime administration.

Subsequently, instances of irregularities in conducting the training of foreign maritime administration courses by some of the Maritime training institutes were observed, leading to a review by the Directorate, and resulting in restriction of issue of CDCs to candidates from only those institutes who had obtained prior permission before commencing each batch of such courses.

Representations have now been received in the Directorate from certain approved maritime training institutes for the resumption of issue of Indian CDCs to Deck and Engine cadets who have completed Higher National Diploma Courses under the control of foreign maritime administration to enable these cadets to join ships to complete the requisite sea time to appear for the foreign maritime competency examinations.

The matter was discussed in detail by the Directorate in the various meetings held in the Directorate with the stakeholders and representatives of the maritime training institutes. After carefully examining the outcome of such meetings, the Directorate has formulated certain guidelines for processing and examining the requests for issuance of restricted CDCs to the Deck Cadets and Trainee Marine Engineers who have undergone the Higher National Diploma Course prescribed by the concerned maritime administration to enable them to complete their ship board training, as below :

- a. The applicant shall be a citizen of India.
- b. The foreign maritime administration, under which the prescribed training is conducted in India, shall have a bilateral agreement with the Maritime Administration of India, viz. Directorate General of Shipping, Ministry of Shipping, Govt. of India.

- c. The institute conducting such a training prescribed by foreign maritime administration, shall not commence any course/batch without obtaining prior permission from this Directorate
- d. The candidates undergoing the aforesaid courses shall not be permitted to utilize the training slots available on board Indian ships or arranged through any Indian RPS agent, available for the candidates undergoing the pre-sea training prescribed by the Indian Maritime Administration i.e the Director General of Shipping. An Undertaking in this regard shall be submitted by the institutes conducting such training
- e. The institute in which such a training is conducted, shall have separate infrastructure, training facilities, faculties & instructors, workshops, laboratories, etc. for DGS approved courses and the courses approved by foreign maritime administration. Only the playground and the swimming pool can be shared. An Undertaking, in this regard, shall be submitted by such institute.
- f. The institute, in which such a training is conducted, shall have 5 years experience in running the DGS approved pre-sea courses of similar discipline.
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- h. The institute in which such a training is conducted shall have an impeccable record with the Directorate in regard to compliance of the DGS guidelines.
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- j. The placement details of the DGS approved courses for the last 5 years to be submitted. The institute shall have 90% placement record of the cadets, at least for 2 years out of 5 years, for DGS approved courses
- k. The institute shall not advertise such courses under the head 'DGS approved courses' in terms of DG Shipping Circular No.1/2008.

The said CDCs to the Deck Cadets & Trainee Marine Engineers successfully completing the training under Higher National Diploma Course prescribed by foreign maritime administration in India, will be restricted for the period of 2 years, only for the purpose of completing the requisite sea time to make them eligible for the first level Certificate of Competency exam conducted by foreign maritime administration

This issues with the approval of the Director General of Shipping & ex-officio Additional Secretary to the Govt. of India

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