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समुद्रीय प्रशासन महानिदेशालय, मुंबई
DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF MARITIME ADMINISTRATION, MUMBAI

F. No. 25-104/9/2022-NT-DGS (C. No. 20314)

Date: 31-07-2026

Examination, Assessment & Certification Branch – Advisory

Subject: Reiteration of Advisory regarding Fraudulent SMS/WhatsApp Messages Relating to Competency Examinations – reg.

1. The Directorate General of Maritime Administration (DGMA) accords the highest priority to maintaining the integrity, fairness and sanctity of the Competency Examination system. In continuation of earlier advisories issued on the subject, it is once again reiterated that no communication relating to Competency Examinations is issued through SMS or WhatsApp by DGMA, Mercantile Marine Department (MMD) Examination Centres.
2. The Directorate has already issued EAC Branch Advisory No. 01 of 2024 dated 14.04.2024 and Notice dated 07.11.2022 on the subject, cautioning candidates against fraudulent SMS, WhatsApp messages, phone calls and other unauthorized communications claiming to influence or facilitate the Competency Examination process. The matter has also been reiterated during various interactive sessions conducted with candidates.
3. DGMA further reiterates that no communication relating to examination scheduling, oral examinations, assessment, results, selection or any other examination-related matter is issued through SMS or WhatsApp by DGMA, MMD Examination Centres.
4. Candidates are advised not to respond to, entertain or act upon any SMS, WhatsApp message, phone call, email or any other communication from unauthorized persons claiming to facilitate, influence or assure success in the Competency Examination process.
5. Any candidate receiving such communication shall immediately report the matter to the concerned MMD and DGMA, along with screenshots, mobile numbers and any other relevant details, to facilitate appropriate action including lodging a complaint with the appropriate law enforcement agency.
6. Candidates are advised to rely only on official communications issued through the DGMA website / and the Examination Portal.
7. This Advisory is issued in reiteration of the above instructions in the interest of maintaining the integrity, transparency and credibility of the Competency Examination system. All candidates are advised to remain vigilant and strictly adhere to the above instructions.

31.07.26

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Encl.:

1. Notice to all Candidates of Nautical Discipline dated 07.11.2022.
2. EAC Branch Advisory No. 01 of 2024 dated 14.04.2024.



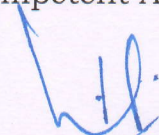
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F.No. 25-104/9/2022-NT-DGS (C. No. 20314)

Dated: 14.08.2024

Subject: EAC Branch Advisory (01 of 2024)- Notice to candidates appearing in STCW Competency Examination- reg.

1. Attention is drawn to Notice No. 25-13011/8/2022-NT-DGS dated 07.11.2022 (copy enclosed). It has come to the attention of various MMD exam centers and this Directorate that candidates for competency exams are receiving fraudulent SMS and/or WhatsApp messages regarding their written / oral examinations. These messages offer false assurances with the intent to mislead candidates.
2. It is reiterated that DG Shipping, MMD, and Exam centers **do not** communicate through SMS or WhatsApp.
3. All candidates are advised to disregard such messages or calls, block the originating numbers, and refrain from engaging in any communication with these individuals. Candidates may also file an online complaint with the local police regarding such fraudulent calls/message.
4. Furthermore, candidates are requested to report such incidents to the concerned Mercantile Marine Department (MMD) or DG Shipping. This matter is under investigation by law enforcement agencies, and the numbers involved are being tracked. Any candidate found engaging with these fraudulent platforms will face action as per the applicable provisions under the MS STCW Rules 2024, which may include being debarred permanently or for a specified period.
5. This matter is to be treated with the utmost seriousness. Complaints, including details of the communication (e.g., screenshots, phone numbers), should be forwarded by email to the **jurisdictional MMDs/DGS.**
6. This advisory is issued with the approval of the Competent Authority.


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Encl: As Above.



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Ref no. 25-13011/8/2022 -NT-DGS

Dated 07.11.2022

Information - notice to all candidates of nautical discipline – reg

1. It has been noticed that the candidates of competency exams of nautical discipline are receiving SMS and/or whatsapp message regarding their examination especially oral examination. In this regard it is informed that the DG Shipping/MMD/Exam Centres DO NOT send any kind of message through SMS or whatsapp.
2. It is advised to all candidates that DO NOT entertain such messages and exercise caution.
3. It may be reported to the concerned Mercantile Marine Department (MMD)/ DG Shipping.
4. This is issued with the approval of Chief Examiner of Master and Mates.

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