

81 st STCW Compliance Board meeting held on 13.08.2026		
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1	APPLICATION FOR COURSE APPROVAL M/s COLLEGE OF ADVANCES MARITIME STUDIES	It was noted that the initial inspection was conducted on 7-8 April 2026, during which observations were raised, Considering the inspection findings, pending deficiencies, delayed responses from the MTI, and its subsequent request for additional time, the Board approved the MMD recommendation to grant a final extension of 15 days for compliance and closure of deficiencies before further consideration. Decision: PO MMD Kochi recommendation was accepted.
2	APPLICATION FOR COURSE APPROVAL M/S ALBERT'S MARITIME INSTITUTE	MMD Kochi gave the presentation and updated that after reviewing the inspection findings, compliance submitted by the institute, and the satisfactory closure of all observations during the follow-up inspection, the Board accepted the recommendation of MMD Kochi and approved both courses with a batch size of 24 students per batch and a frequency of 24 batches per year. Decision: PO MMD Kochi recommendation was accepted.
3	APPLICATION FOR COURSE APPROVAL M/S THE GREAT EASTERN INSTITUTE OF MARITIME STUDIES	MMD Mumbai gave the presentation and updated that based on the inspection conducted by MMD Mumbai and the institute's available infrastructure, faculty strength, training facilities, and accommodation capacity, the Board accepted the recommendation of MMD Mumbai and approved the course. The approval shall be effective from the July/August 2027 academic session and shall be subject to the discontinuation of one existing DNS batch of 40 candidates, as undertaken by the institute, to ensure that the approved intake capacity of the campus is not exceeded. At any point during the academic year, the number of students should not exceed 320. Decision: PO MMD Mumbai recommendation was accepted.
4	NON-CONDUCT OF COMPREHENSIVE INSPECTION PROGRAMME (CIP) 2025 - SNS MARITIME TRAINING INSTITUTE	It was noted that the institute's response to the show-cause notice was not satisfactory and based on the legal opinion obtained, the pending court case does not exempt the institute from complying with the mandatory CIP requirement or payment of the prescribed annual fees. Accordingly, the Board accepted the recommendation of DDG (Training) to issue a show cause notice and temporarily block the MTI profile of the Institute until the institute completes the mandatory CIP and remits the outstanding 1% annual fees along with applicable interest. The profile may be restored upon satisfactory compliance, submission of supporting evidence, and verification.
5	W.P. (MD) No. 20136 of 2026 filed by M/S IMMANUEL ARASAR COLLEGE OF MARINE ENGINEERING (MTI NO. 406053)	The Board considered the representation of MTI pursuant to the directions of the Hon'ble Madras High Court and provided the institute an opportunity to present its case. After deliberation, the Board concluded that the admission of the excess 80 candidates was unauthorized and cannot be regularized. Accordingly, it was decided that a speaking order be issued directing the institute to refund

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		the full fees collected from the excess 80 candidates without any deductions. The Board further decided that the matter relating to the institute's continued approval and future batches would be considered separately after receipt and examination of the institute's response to the show-cause notice issued by MMD Chennai and the corresponding recommendations of the Principal Officer, MMD Chennai.
6	MR. J. ANTONY FRANCIS, A B. TECH (MARINE ENGINEERING) GRADUATE OF INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ACADEMY (IMA), CHENNAI (2014–2018)	The Board noted the continued non-compliance by IMA Chennai with the Directorate's earlier order regarding the refund of fees to affected candidates. After deliberations, the Board resolved that a show-cause notice be issued to IMA Chennai, requiring the institute to explain its failure to comply with the Directorate's order and to submit documentary evidence of fee refunds made to affected candidates within 15 days. The Board further decided that appropriate regulatory action shall be initiated against the institute in the event of non-compliance or an unsatisfactory response to the show-cause notice. Decision: A Show Cause notice to be issued to MTI.
7	M/S AMET INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, CHENNAI, - INSPECTION OF ITS INFRASTRUCTURE FOR ASSESSMENT OF ITS READINESS TO CONDUCT THE FOURTH YEAR B.E./B.TECH.	MMD Chennai gave the presentation and updated that based on the inspection report and the institute's commitment to complete its own shipping campus facilities by 31 October 2026, the Board agreed with the recommendation of MMD Chennai and approved the proposal subject to the institute completing the remaining infrastructure within the committed timeline and submitting monthly progress reports. During the interim period, practical training may be conducted through the existing approved facilities covered under the MoU with AMET University, ensuring that training requirements are fully met until the institute's own facilities are commissioned and verified. Decision: PO MMD Chennai, recommendation was accepted.
8	W.P.(C) 8723/2026 FILED BY MR. KSHITIJ MALIK IN HON'BLE DELHI HIGH COURT, CHALLENGING THE NON-RECOGNITION OF BOSSE, SIKKIM CERTIFICATES FOR ADMISSION	The matter had been discussed in earlier STCW Board meetings, wherein the Board had decided not to recognize BOSSE certificates, while recognition of NIOS remains a separate policy decision. Considering the ongoing proceedings before the Hon'ble Delhi High Court, the Board noted that the Court has presently allowed the candidate to participate in the selection process, with the matter scheduled for further hearing in October. After detailed discussion, the Board decided not to accept IMU's request for creation of a supernumerary seat or to recognize the BOSSE qualification at this stage. It was further decided that the matter be referred to the Legal Department for examination of the Court proceedings and previous similar cases, and that DGMA shall prepare its

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		position for the forthcoming hearing. The Board also reiterated that DGMA eligibility requirement of a minimum 60% aggregate in PCM remains unchanged, Furthermore, any admission decision made by IMU will be independent of a candidate's eligibility for the DGMA Approved MTIs.
9	M/S. ALL INDIA MARINE ACADEMY, BERHAMPUR [MTI NO.308029] REQUEST FOR CLOSURE OF THE CIP MAJOR NC ON SWIMMING POOL DIMENSIONS	The institute informed the Board that the facility had been constructed based on an earlier in-principle approval and expressed its willingness to upgrade the swimming pool to meet the prescribed standards. While a renovation plan was submitted, no definite timeline was provided. After deliberations, the Board decided that courses requiring the use of the swimming pool shall remain suspended until the deficiency is rectified and compliance is verified through inspection. The institute shall submit a detailed action plan with timelines for completion of the proposed modifications, and reinstatement of approval for the affected courses may be considered upon satisfactory compliance. Decision The Board decided to suspend approval for courses requiring the swimming pool until the institute upgrades the facility to DGMA standards.
10	REQUEST FOR SPECIAL RELAXATION IN MINIMUM LAND REQUIREMENT FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF MTI M/S ARADHANA EDUCATION & CHARITABLE TRUST, JAMNAGAR, GUJRAT	The Board considered the request of Aradhana Education and Charitable Trust, Jamnagar, seeking relaxation in the minimum land requirement prescribed for approval of a Maritime Training Institute. After hearing the representatives and deliberating on the matter, the Board noted that the 10-acre land requirement has been in force since 2007 and is being complied with by all approved pre-sea maritime training institutes, including institutes operating in Gujarat. Considering the need to maintain uniformity in infrastructure standards and avoid dilution of existing guidelines, the Board decided not to grant any relaxation in the prescribed minimum land requirement and directed that the institute may pursue approval only upon full compliance with the extant DGMA requirements. Decision: The Board decided not to grant any relaxation in the prescribed 10-acre minimum land requirement
11	UNSAFE OPERATION AT M/S GURSHIP EDUCATION TRUST MARITIME TRAINING INSTITUTE	The Board reviewed the surprise inspection report of the MTI, which highlighted several safety-related deficiencies, including the absence of an Occupancy Certificate, ongoing civil repair works, missing handrails on staircases, and lack of emergency power backup for elevators. Accordingly, the Board decided to issue a Show Cause Notice to the institute and directed it to rectify all

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		pending deficiencies and submit documentary evidence of compliance for further review. Decision: The Board decided to issue a Show Cause Notice to the institute.
12	NON-COMPLIANCE IN SWIMMING POOL WATER QUALITY AND RELATED DEFICIENCIES AT M/s HOON MARITIME INSTITUTE KOLKATA	MMD Kolkata informed that a surprise inspection was carried out following a complaint regarding poor swimming pool water quality. DGMA has already issued a warning letter to the institute, a follow-up surprise inspection will be conducted to verify the implementation of corrective actions.
13	CONDUCT OF ALL INDIA EXIT EXAMINATION BY BEST FOR CANDIDATES BELONGING TO UNAUTHORIZED/EXCESS ADMISSIONS	The Board decided that the Training Branch shall examine suitable controls in the proposed MTI Module/Common Admission Portal, including integration with the BES examination system, to ensure that only candidates admitted within the approved capacity are permitted to appear for examinations. An explanatory letter to be issued to BEST.
14	FOREIGN ADMINISTRATION APPROVED COURSES CONDUCTED BY MTIs AND IMPLEMENTATION OF DGS ORDERS	The Board noted that DGMA has already commenced issuance of NOCs to DG MA-approved MTIs for conducting foreign administration-approved courses, particularly those approved by the UK MCA, subject to inspection and compliance verification where applicable. The Board further noted the proposal regarding blended and online courses approved by certain foreign administrations and decided that the matter shall be examined by a committee to assess compliance with DGMA training requirements. Based on the committee's recommendations, requests for conducting such foreign administration-approved courses shall be considered on a case-by-case basis.
15	REVIEW OF LEGAL MATTERS IN TRAINING DIVISION - UPDATES THEREOF	Legal Consultant updated that there are currently 24 active cases.

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16	REQUEST TO INCREASE NUMBER OF BATCHES PER YEAR FROM 24 TO 36 FOR REVALIDATION TRAINING COURSE FOR MASTER AND DECK OFFICER MASSA MARITIME ACADEMY	The Board decided that the institute shall submit an undertaking, along with documentary evidence confirming adequate faculty strength, availability of infrastructure, and absence of scheduling overlaps. The Training Branch shall review the submission and process the request as per the applicable guidelines.
17	PROPOSAL TO EXTEND LATERAL ENTRY ELIGIBILITY FOR B. TECH (MARINE ENGINEERING) TO INCLUDE ELECTRONICS & COMMUNICATION AND OTHER AICTE - APPROVED ENGINEERING BRANCHES. IMU CHENNAI HEADQUARTERS	The Board noted that AICTE permits change of engineering branch after completion of the first year, as the curriculum during the first year is common across engineering disciplines. Taking into account the recommendation of the Chief Examiner and the proposal submitted by IMU, the Board approved the extension of lateral entry eligibility to candidates from other AICTE-approved engineering branches, subject to compliance with the applicable eligibility requirements specified in the relevant DGMA guidelines. Decision: The Board approved lateral entry from Electronics & Communication and other AICTE-approved engineering branches for B.E./B.Tech Marine Engineering, subject to DGMA eligibility criteria.
18	SURPRISE INSPECTION-COMPLAINT AGAINST SOUTHERN ACADEMY OF MARITIME STUDIES (SAMS) CHENNAI	MMD Chennai gave the presentation and updated about the findings of the surprise inspection conducted at Southern Academy of Maritime Studies (SAMS), Chennai, which revealed serious deficiencies relating to student welfare, infrastructure, safety, hostel accommodation, sanitation, food hygiene, faculty availability, and training facilities. Noting the institute's history of repeated non-compliances despite earlier inspections and corrective action opportunities, the Board decided that a detailed Show Cause Notice shall be issued by DGMA based on the inspection report prepared by MMD Chennai. The Board further directed that no fresh admissions or new batches shall be permitted until the matter is resolved. MMD Chennai shall also examine the feasibility of relocating existing students to other suitable DGMA - approved institutes, wherever practicable, and submit its recommendations for further consideration. Decision: The Board decided to issue a Show Cause Notice to institute.

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19	INDIAN MARITIME UNIVERSITY HEADQUARTER, CHENNAI RECOGNITION OF IMU CAMPUS DIRECTOR AS EQUIVALENT TO PRINCIPAL	The Board noted that the role of Principal under DGMA guidelines is generally required to be held by a Master Mariner or Chief Engineer; however, considering the specific recruitment rules and statutory framework applicable to IMU, the Board decided that such requests may be considered on a case-by-case basis. Accordingly, the Board agreed to recognize the IMU Campus Director as equivalent to the Principal in the present case, without creating a general precedent or requiring any amendment to the existing guidelines.