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Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways
समुद्रीय प्रशासन महानिदेशालय, मुंबई
Directorate General of Maritime Administration, Mumbai.

**F. No. 23-59/1/2024-CREW – DGS (C. No. 32374)** **Date – 02.11.2026**

**DGMA CIRCULAR No. 73 of 2026**

## Sub.: Implementation of Merchant Shipping (Seafarers' Identity Document) Rules, 2026 – reg.

1. The Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways has promulgated the **Merchant Shipping (Seafarers' Identity Document) Rules, 2026** vide Notification No. G.S.R. 584(E) dated 06.07.2026 in supersession of the Merchant Shipping (Seafarers' Bio-metric Identity Document) Rules, 2016.

2. In accordance with **Rule 13** of the Merchant Shipping (Seafarers' Identity Document) Rules, 2026 ("Rules"), the fees payable under these Rules shall be as specified in the Schedule and shall be paid to the issuing authority through the Seafarer's Identity Document ("SID") e-module. The Schedule is as follows:

| Sr. No. | Particulars | Revised Amount |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Application for issuance of Seafarer's Identity Document. | Rs. 3000/- |
| 2 | Application for renewal of Seafarer's Identity Document. | Rs. 3000/- |
| 3 | Application for duplicate Seafarer's Identity Document. | Rs. 3000/- |
| 4 | Application for replacement or alteration Seafarer's Identity Document. | Rs. 3000/- |

3. The above fee structure prescribed under the Rules came into force with effect from 06.07.2026. However, the revised fee shall be applicable in the SID e-module for all applications with immediate effect.

4. The above fees shall be applicable to the respective SID service and shall be payable through the SID e-module at the time of submission of the application.

5. In cases where an SID is lost due to fire on board a vessel or any other marine peril, no fee shall be charged for issuance of a duplicate SID, as provided in Rule 7(4) of the said Rules.

6. The revised fee structure shall be applicable with immediate effect. All applications for the issuance, renewal, duplicate or replacement/alteration/modification of SID submitted on or after the said date shall be processed on payment of the applicable fee specified above through online.

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7. The SID issued under these Rules shall be valid for a period of five (5) years from the date of its issuance or renewal.

8. All concerned Shipping Masters, issuing authorities, seafarers and other stakeholders are requested to take note of the above and ensure compliance.

9. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

02.11.2026

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**Copy to:**

1. All stakeholders (owners / employers / recruiters / seafarers union etc.) through DGMA website.
2. All other non-members Shipping Companies to any associations.
3. The Shipping Master, Government Shipping Office, Mumbai/Kolkata/Chennai.
4. Mercantile Marine Departments.
5. Hindi Cell for Translation.
6. E-Gov Cell, DGMA, Mumbai.
7. Computer Cell for uploading on DGMA Website.
8. CDAC, Mumbai, with a request to implement the revised fee structure in the SID e-module