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Subject : Graduates Entry Scheme as Nautical Deck Cadets

1. Preamble:

This Directorate, being aware of the cyclic nature of the shipping trade and industry, has initiated proactive and pragmatic measures to deal with the current and future needs of the industry at large and seafarers in particular.

Taking note of the BIMCO report and its projections from global shortage of sea-going officers, it is felt that this void can be effectively filled in by the Indian Officers provided innovative training schemes are put in place such that we are able to create qualified officers in a shorter period without any compromise on the quality and standards of competence.

These measures shall be helpful in overcoming the acute shortage of officers on Indian flag ships as well as supplement the requirement of International Shipping. Needless to mention that it will help generate and enhance the employment potential for Indian Nationals as seafaring officers in the Global Shipping Industry including Indian flag ships and the National Shipping Industry.

In order to reduce the lead time to produce such qualified officers, it is necessary that horizontal induction from the available human resources takes place at higher academic level qualification. This method will help to generate qualified officers in a shorter period.

Taking into account the above factors, this Directorate notifies the following Graduate Entry Schemes:

2. Entry Qualification :

2.1. This scheme is open to the candidates sponsored by Indian shipping companies or those sponsored by recruitment and placement service providers (RPS), who are duly registered with the Directorate General of Shipping, Mumbai.

2.2. A Science graduate having 50% marks in aggregate from a University recognized by the University Grants Commission; or

2.3. 50% marks in aggregate in B.E. or B. Tech Degree from a University recognized by the University Grants Commission, or

2.4. 50% marks in aggregate in four years Degree Course in Bachelor of Fisheries Science (Nautical Science) conducted by Central Institute of Fisheries Nautical and Engineering Training (CIFNET) affiliated to University and recognized by University Grants Commission.

AND

2.5. 50% marks in English either at 10th or 12th or at graduation level.

3. Age Criteria:

As on the date of commencement of the course-Maximum 25 years.

4. Medical fitness:

As per Merchant Shipping (Medical Examination) Rules, 2000 as amended from time to time

5. Eye sight and Colour vision:

As per Merchant Shipping (Medical Examination) Rules, 2000 as amended from time to time.

6. **Pre-sea training:**

6.1. Duration 6 months including basic STCW courses as approved by the Director General of Shipping.

6.2. Entrant from para 2.4 stream are exempted from pre-sea training requirement. However, they are required to complete four basic Modular Courses under STCW 95.

7. **Sea time requirement:**

Structured Shipboard Training Programme of not less than 15 months which meets the requirements of section A-II/1 of the STCW Code and is documented in an approved training record book, including Bridge watch keeping duties under the supervision of the master or a qualified officer for a period of not less than 6 months.

8. **Competency course:**

On completion of sea service requirement as stated under para 7 candidates are required, to undertake preparatory course of 4 months duration before appearing for their written examination.

9. **Advanced Modular courses:**

All Modular courses required for the award of Certificate of Competency as Second Mate of a foreign-going ship, i.e. AFF, PSCRB, MFA, ROC, ARPA and GMDSS-GOC.

10. **Written examination:**

Candidates are required to appear and successfully pass in all subjects as specified for Second Mate foreign going (i.e. six papers in the three functions).

11. **Oral examination:**

Candidates are required to appear and successfully pass in all three functions.

12. Certification:

On completion of the written and oral examination including the required modular courses as per the requirement of the META Manual Volume I and II, candidates will be awarded Certificate of Competency as Second Mate of a foreign going ship (Officer In-charge of a Navigational Watch) on board ships of 500 gross tons or more as per the provisions of regulation II/1 of STCW 1978 as amended.

This issues with the approval of the Director General of Shipping.

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