

DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI

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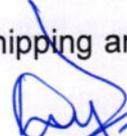
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ADVISORY NOTE

1. The Directorate is in receipt of many complaints from candidates and their parents stating that they have been misguided and cheated by agents in respect of seeking admission in maritime training institutes. It has come to the notice of the Directorate that the agents play the role of middlemen for admissions. In many of these cases, the payment is not made fully to the institute resulting in candidates not being able to complete their course and appear for the exams. In some cases, the maritime training institutes unauthorisely hold the original CDC of the candidates.
2. The Directorate has also noticed that some of the maritime training institutes use the name of merchant navy officers holding certificate of competency (CoC) of Master (FG) and MEO Class – I as their faculty without the knowledge of such CoC holders. In few cases, it was also noticed that the certified officers allow their names to be used as faculty without having any proper employment contracts.
3. It has also come to the notice of the Directorate that some of the maritime training institutes are issuing certificates for completion of courses without conducting proper courses. Some of the candidates request for certificates without attending courses at the maritime training institutes. In addition, some of the maritime training institutes were found to be conducting courses even after the withdrawal of their approval.
4. The Directorate is aware that such incidents are detrimental for the maritime industry of the country and could jeopardize the image of Indian seafarers in the world maritime industry resulting in loss of job opportunities for Indian seafarers worldwide. Taking cognizance of such incidents, the Directorate advises the stakeholders of maritime education and training to refrain from involving themselves in such activities and directs the following :
  - 4.1. The maritime training institutes shall not take services of agents for admitting candidates in their institutes. The maritime training institutes shall have direct link with the candidates for payment of fees, admissions and issuance of certificates. In this regard, attention is invited to this Directorate's Training Circular No. 12 of 2003 wherein the DGS approved maritime training institutes were advised to admit candidates directly as per specified norms. Any sort of direct or indirect use of third party/agents/touts will be treated as misconduct on the part of the training institutes. Such institutes would be liable for penal actions as per PART V of DGS Order No. 5 of 2016 and 7 of 2016.

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- 4.2. The maritime training institutes shall have proper legal employment contracts with the faculty. The holders of certificate of competency should be careful that they do not serve onboard ships while their names are registered as permanent full time faculty as the permanent faculty are expected to be taking classes in the maritime training institutes.
- 4.3. The maritime training institutes shall not issue certificate of a course to a candidate who has not undergone complete training in their institute.
5. The MTI fail to follow the above mentioned Advisory Note issued by the Directorate will not be able to upload the batch details of the DGS website and the approvals granted shall remain suspended until further notice.
6. This issues with the approval of the Director General of Shipping and Special Secretary to the Government of India.

  
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Asstt. Director General of Shipping [Training]

To,

1. All Maritime Training Institutes.
2. Principal Officers, MMD, Mumbai/Chennai/ Kolkata/ Kochi/ Kandla
3. Shipping Masters, Mumbai/ Kolkata/ Chennai
4. INDOS Cell, DGS, GOI, Nau Bhavan Building, Mumbai-1
5. Nautical Branch, DGS, GOI
6. Engineering Branch, DGS, GOI
7. Training Branch
8. Hindi Cell (To translate in Hindi and put up in website).
9. INSA/ FOSMA/ MASSA/ ICSSA/ MUU IMEI/ CMMI/ NUSI
10. Computer Cell, DGS, GOI with a request to upload
11. E-Governance Cell, DGS, Gol.
12. Guard File
13. Sr. PS to DG(S) for information.
14. Sr. PS to Addl. DG(S) for information.