

	<b><u>DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, GOVT. OF INDIA, MUMBAI</u></b>	<b>IS/ISO Clause No.7.1</b>
<b>Ref.: QMS 7.0 Page 1 of 2</b>	<b><u>Subject: Compliance with the mandatory requirement for Trainers and Assessors as per "Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for seafarers" (STCW), 1978 as amended.</u></b>	<b>File No. TR/CIR/6(4)/2019</b>
<b>Issued by the Director General of Shipping Govt. of India</b>	<b>Training Circular No. 07 of 2019</b>	<b>Date : 19.03.2019</b>

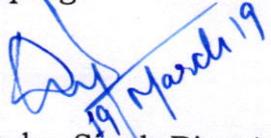
1. Noting that the STCW convention 1978, as amended, Regulation I/6, item 2 requires Party to ensure that those responsible for the training and assessment of competence of seafarers, as required under the Convention, are appropriately qualified in accordance with the provisions of section A1/6 of the STCW Code for the type and level of training or assessment involved.
2. Noting that item 7, Section A-1/6 of STCW Code states that each Party which recognizes a course of training, a training institution or a qualification granted by a training institution, as part of its requirements for the issue of a certificate required under the convention, shall ensure that the qualification and experience of instructors and assessors are covered in the quality standard provisions of section A-I/8. Such qualification, experience and application of quality standards shall incorporate appropriate training in instructional techniques, and training and assessment methods and practice, and shall comply with all applicable requirements of paragraphs 4 to 6 of section A-I/6 of the STCW Code.
3. Whereas, the Directorate had made it mandatory for Principal / Vice Principal / faculty / instructors to undertake the VICT course as per Training Circular No. 25 of 2018 dated 01 October, 2018
4. Whereas the Principal / Vice Principal / faculty / instructors who have undertaken the TOTA / TOTI course prior to issuance of Training Circular No. 25 of 2018 dated 01 October, 2018 were not required to undertake VICT course.

  
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5. Whereas the MTIs were directed to ensure that the Principal / Vice Principal / faculty / instructors undertaken the VICT / TOTA / TOTI course latest by November 30, 2018 as per Training Circular No. 25 of 2018 dated 01 October, 2018.
6. Noting that despite issuance of Training Circular No. 25 of 2018 dated 01 October, 2018, many of the MTIs are not complying with the qualification requirements of Principal / Vice Principal / faculty / instructors.
7. Noting that some of the Principal / Vice Principal / faculty / instructors (full time permanent basis / full time permanent on contractual agreement basis / visiting) as per records submitted to DGS are not meeting age requirements as per DGS guidelines.
8. Noting that the MTIs are still employing faculty / instructors who are employed by other MTI on full time permanent basis / full time permanent on contractual agreement basis.
9. Taking cognizance of the above and to ensure compliance with STCW requirements, the Directorate has decided to initiate the following disciplinary action for non-compliance of this Training Circular.
  - 9.1. Access to e-governance portal for uploading batch details for maritime course shall be denied to the MTI if any Principal / Vice Principal / faculty / instructors (full time permanent basis / full time permanent on contractual agreement / visiting) is found not meeting the qualification requirements.
  - 9.2. Access to e-governance portal for uploading batch details for maritime course shall be denied to the MTI if any Principal / Vice Principal / faculty / instructors (full time permanent basis / full time permanent on contractual agreement / visiting) is found not meeting the age requirements.
  - 9.3. The Certificate of Competency of the Principal / faculty / instructor may be initiated for suspension if found employed on full time permanent basis / full time permanent on contractual agreement basis with multiple MTI.
  - 9.4. Principal / faculty / instructor not having VICT / TOTA / TOTI qualification as applicable and found imparting training to candidates in DGS approved

  
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- MTI shall be debarred from teaching in any DGS approved MTI for a period of five years.
10. All MTIs are advised to ensure that the faculty details are correct and updated at all times on their MTI profile.
  11. The Mercantile Marine Departments (MMD) / Recognized Organizations (RO) are advised to ensure that the VICT / TOTA / TOTI certificates as applicable of all those involved in training are physically verified during any kind of inspection undertaken by them. Any deficiency noted must be immediately reported to the Principal Officer of MMD and the Directorate.
  12. The Maritime Training Institutes are hereby directed to ensure that all Principal / Vice Principal / faculty / instructors (permanent / permanent on contractual basis / visiting) have undergone the training (VICT / TOTA / TOTI) as applicable latest by June 30, 2019.
  13. This Training Circular enters in to force with immediate effect.
  14. This issues with the approval of the Director General of Shipping.

  
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To  
All DGS approved MTIs.