

DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, MUMBAI		
	TRAINING BRANCH	IS/ISO Clause No. 7.1
Ref.: QMS EACQP-07-1 Page 1 of 3	Subject:- Refresher and updating training in 'Medical First Aid' and 'Medical Care' as per the recommended guidelines of MLC 2006 for ships officers	File No. TR/CIR/6(2)/2012
Approved by the Director General of Shipping, Government of India.	Circular No. :- Training Circular No. 17 of 2013.	Dated: 12.08.2013.

Background:

1. The Maritime Labour Convention 2006 comes in to effect from 20th August 2013. It has been brought to the attention of the Directorate that some flag states may necessitate completion of refresher courses under its Section B4.1.1 for medical first aid and medical care every five years for officers sailing in foreign flag ships.
2. Applicable provision therein, paragraph 3 of Section B4.1.1 states that *seafarers designated for providing medical care and medical first aid and such other seafarers as may be required by the competent authority should undergo, at approximately five year intervals, refresher courses to enable them to maintain and increase their knowledge and skills and to keep up-to-date with new developments.* Furthermore, it is to be noted that except for above quoted requirement, other officers are not required to undergo refresher courses for medical first aid and medical care as per MLC 2006. These guidelines are recommendatory in nature.
3. As a proactive measure, the Directorate had incorporated the necessary refresher training modules for medical care and medical first aid, as per the guidelines of MLC 2006, in the **Refresher and Updating Training Course (Up-gradation Course from STCW 1995 to STCW 2010) for Masters and deck officers and for Engineers officers** vide relevant STCW 2010 circulars since Jan 2012.
4. The deck and engineer officers are undergoing these courses based on the dates of the revalidation of their Certificates of competency. On successful completion of the course, participants are issued an endorsement, on the back of the course certificate, to the effect that they have undergone refresher and updating training in "Medical First Aid" and "Medical Care" whichever is applicable, as per the requirements of MLC 2006.
5. However, considering the fact that some of the officers may not have come for revalidation from Jan 2012 till the date, the MLC enters into force (20th August 2013). In order to facilitate such officers to complete the refresher training in medical first aid and medical care on interim basis, if it is mandated by concerned flag in which they are serving, the Directorate authorizes following entities to provide refresher training in medical first aid and medical care as per the module given below.
 - a) All the Ship owners, managers, RPSL agencies may provide this refresher training, for the officers prior to their joining, as in-house practical training in their training centers, with the

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help of doctors in company's panel or any DGS approved doctors. This training will come under company responsibility of ISM code and Reg. I/14 of STCW 1978 as amended; or

- b) Officers may attend the relevant "Module(s)" in "Medical First Aid" or "Medical Care", as applicable, at any DGS approved training Institute conducting approved "Medical First Aid" or "Medical Care" under STCW Convention, as amended; or
- c) Attend the "Module" on Refresher and updating training in "Medical First Aid" or "Medical Care", as applicable, at a DGS approved Training Institute conducting approved Up gradation Course for Masters & Deck Officers or Engineer Officers;

6. On completion of the "Module/s" the participants will be issued with a certificate to that effect, as per the format attached herewith as Annex 1 & 2.

7. Fresh application for approval of aforesaid training will not be entertained. However, if any institute already having approval to conduct "Medical First Aid" or "Medical Care" Course intends to extend imparting of said module, then such institute may convey it's intensions in writing to DGS, seeking D.G. Shipping approval, alongwith an undertaking that number of batches (approved for Medical First Aid or Medical Care Course) or number of students per batch shall not exceed the sanctioned (approved) limit.

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

Practical Training to be accorded in following topics:

Medical First Aid: (Duration 3 hours)

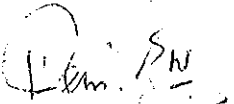
- a) Dressing wounds, Care of cuts, wounds, burns and scalds.
- b) Temporary immobilization in case of fractures/ dislocations.
- d) Treatment and care in case of eye injury
- e) Immediate care in case of accidents involving Dangerous Goods.

Medical Care: (Duration 3 hours)

- a) Cardio Pulmonary resuscitation (CPR)
- b) Handling of Oxygen cylinders and Apparatus
- c) Intravenous and Intra-muscular injections.
- d) Make use of Medical advice by Radio or satellite communication and to participate effectively in co-ordinated schemes for medical assistance at sea.

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- e) Take immediate, effective action in case of accidents or illnesses
f) Handling and transporting injured persons.
g) Updates on International Medical Guide for ships, Medical First Aid Guide for use in dangerous Goods.


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Dy. Director General of Shipping [TRG]

1. All Pre sea Maritime Training institutes
2. All Academic Councils [EAC, Kolkata /NAC, Kandla/WAC, Mumbai/SAC, Chennai/SWAC, Kochi]
3. All Mercantile Marine Departments
4. The Shipping Masters, Mumbai /Kolkata/Chennai
5. Chief Surveyor with the Govt. of India, DGS, Mumbai
6. Nautical Advisor to the Govt. of India, DGS, Mumbai
7. INSA/MASSA/FOSMA
8. Crews Branch
9. Computer Cell
10. Management Representative, EAC branch (QMS Manual), DGS
11. e Governance
12. Hindi Cell for translation



NAME and ADDRESS of the Shipping Company or DGS approved Training Institution

INDOS No: Tel: Fax: E-Mail:

Certificate No: _____

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT [full name of candidate]

Date of Birth

Holder of C.D.C. No. Passport No.

Certificate of Competency (if any) Grade. No.

Indian National Data base of Seafarer (INDOS No.)

holding Certificate No. dated.

for "Medical First Aid" issued by [Name and place of the Institute]

meeting the requirements of Reg. VI/4 Para 1 and Table A-VI/4-1 of the STCW Code has completed:

Refresher and Updating Training in Medical First Aid

on[date]..... as approved by the Directorate General of Shipping to meet the guidance contained in Section B-4.1.1 Paragraph 3 of the Maritime Labour Convention 2006

Signature of Candidate

Name and Signature of Course Incharge or Medical Practitioner

Date of Issue : _____

Date of Expiry: [5 years from date of issue]

Colour Photograph (35 mm X 35 mm)



Name and Signature of Dean/Principal or Authorised Representative of Shipping Company (GM/VP)



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Certificate No: _____

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Date of Birth

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Passport No.

Certificate of Competency/Proficiency, (if any) Grade. No.

Indian National Data base of Seafarer (INDOS No.)

holding Certificate No. dated.

for "Medical Care" issued by [Name of the Institute, INDOS No of the Institute]

..... meeting the requirements of Reg. VI/4 Para 2 and Table A-VI/4-2 of the STCW Code has completed:

Refresher and Updating Training in Medical Care

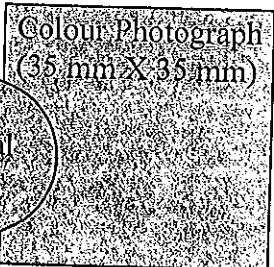
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