

M.S. Notice 24 of 2002

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Sub: Criteria for selection of candidates for various pre-sea training courses

(superceded vide dgs cir 7 of 2005)

Preamble:

Over a period of time, it has come to our notice that there is a need to do active and imaginative marketing of the Indian seafarers. The feedback reveals almost a global perception of Indian seafarer as an 'old' person, and the need for fluency in speaking and understanding English on board the ship. The position of India as a manpower-supplying country in the maritime world has been declining in the recent past, and some of our large neighbors and English-speaking countries have increased their supply of seafarers tremendously. This has underlined the importance to send effective signals to the potential candidates for career in Merchant Navy, and to our Indian Maritime Training Institutions, that the Indian seafarers have to start early in life, and that they should have command over the English language.

2. Waters were tested on these two points by issue of M S Notice No 22 of 2002 on 13 September 2002 without indicating the date on which that notice will come into effect. It has evoked immediate and varied responses from all the active maritime players such as shipowners, ship-managers, training institutions, and seafarers' Unions. Thereafter meetings were held with INSA, FOSMA, MASSA, a wide cross-section of training institutions, and representatives of seafarers' Unions. In these formal and informal meetings, a number of important and useful suggestions were made. In all the meetings all the participants agreed with one voice about the need for Indian seafarers to have command over English, and the need to have younger lot into the seafaring profession. After taking all the suggestions into consideration carefully, it has been decided to change and modify a few aspects laid down in M S Notice 22 of 2002 to reflect the consensus that has emerged in these meetings.

3. New criteria for selection:

Accordingly, in supersession of **Training Branch Circular No 5 of 2000**, and **5 of 2001, M S Notice 22 of 2002** and all other circulars issued in this regard, and in pursuance to

- Merchant Shipping (Apprenticeship to Sea Service) Rules, 1960, amended in 1973,
- Merchant Shipping (Continuous Discharge Certificate) Rules, 2001, and
- Merchant Shipping (STCW) Rules, 1998,

the Director-General of Shipping and Secretary to the Government of India is hereby pleased to prescribe the following criteria for the selection of candidates by the training institutes or workshops for various pre-sea training courses :-

S.No	Details of course	Minimum requirement on Academic Qualifications	Maximum Age limit on the day of commencement of course
1.	4 months Pre-Sea course for General Purpose Ratings	Pass in 10th standard from a recognized Board with Science, Mathematics and English as subjects	21 years
2.	3-Month Pre-Sea course for Deck/ Engine Ratings. [This Course will be abolished from 01-04-2003]	Pass in 10th standard from a recognized Board with Science, Mathematics and English as subjects	21 years
3.	4-Month Pre-Sea course for Saloon Ratings.	a. Pass in 10th standard from a recognized Board with English as a subject b. Pass in Diploma/ Degree in Hotel Management and Catering Technology course of not less than 2 years' duration and the course should have been conducted by the Institutes approved by AICTE for these courses. The candidates should have obtained minimum 50% aggregate marks in final year.	21 years 22 years
4.	4-Month Pre-Sea Course for General Purpose Rating for Fitters/Petty Officers.	Pass in 2-Year I.T.I. course from Govt. Approved Institute with minimum 50% aggregate marks in final year	21 years

5.	3-1/2 months' Pre-Sea Deck Cadet course	<p>Pass in (10+2) or equivalent examination with Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics and English as separate subjects with a PCM average of not less than 60%</p> <p>OR</p> <p>With Physics as individual subject in one of the year, B.Sc. in Physics, Mathematics, Chemistry or Electronics with an average of not less than 55% of marks in the final year</p> <p>OR</p> <p>B.E./B. Tech. Degree from I.I.T. or from a college recognized by AICTE</p>	<p>20 years</p> <p>22 years</p> <p>24 years</p>
6.	3-Year course leading to B.Sc. Degree in Nautical Science	<p>Pass in (10+2) or equivalent examination with Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics and English as separate subjects with a PCM average of not less than 60%</p>	20 years
7.	4-Year Degree course in Marine Engineering	<p>Pass in (10+2) or equivalent examination with Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics and English as separate subjects with a PCM average of not less than 60%</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Candidate can join 2nd year of 4-Year Marine Engineering Degree Course provided he has passed 1st year training from the Alternate Training Scheme, approved by D.G. Shipping(This will not be applicable to MERI.)</p>	<p>20 years</p> <p>22 years</p>
8.	1-year Trainee Marine Engineering Course.	<p>Graduation in BE (Mechanical) Engineering / Naval Architecture with minimum marks of 50% in final year.</p>	24 years
9.	2 - years course for Marine Engineer under Alternate Training Scheme	<p>Pass in (10+2) or equivalent examination with Physics, Chemistry, Maths and English as separate subjects with a PCM average of not less than 60%.</p>	20 years
10.	4-year Workshop Training	<p>Pass in (10+2) or equivalent examination with Physics, Chemistry, Maths and English as separate subjects with a PCM average of not less than 60%.</p>	20 years

11.	2-year Trainee Marine Engineering course	Pass Diploma in Mechanical /Marine/Shipbuilding / Naval Architecture /Electrical Engineering with minimum marks of 50% in final year	22 years
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4. Transparency of selection procedure:

The requirements specified above with regard to the academic qualification are the basic minimum and the training institutes/workshops are to select candidates on merit. The selection procedure should be absolutely transparent and published in detail in advertisement as well as in admission brochure. Since the candidates are required to work in adverse condition on board ships and required to be physically and mentally strong, the institutes/workshops are to ensure that the candidates are physically fit and medically examined as per MS Medical Examination Rules.

5 Requirement of English:

Candidates for short-term courses at Sr No 1 to 4 above should have passed in the English language as a subject, at either 10th or 12th standard or in the Degree/Diploma course, conducted by the Board or any University. Candidates for courses meant for Officers at Sr. No. 5 to 11 should have obtained 50% marks in English at 10th or 12th standard or in the Degree/Diploma course conducted by the Board or any University.

6 Closure of separate Engine and Deck Rating courses:

The two separate courses, namely, the 3-months' Pre-Sea Course for Deck Rating and the 3-months' Course for Engine Rating shall stand abolished with effect from 1st April 2003. With immediate effect, no new application for these courses will be entertained. The institutes now conducting these courses will be allowed to convert these two courses into 4-Months' Pre-Sea Course for General Purpose Rating subject to creating necessary facilities for the same and satisfactory inspection report from the concerned Academic Council. The Institute must send the conversion proposal to the Director-General of Shipping by 31st December 2002.

7 Cut-off date for Age-limit:

The Director-General of Shipping lays down hereby that the candidate should be within the prescribed age as on the date of the commencement of the course. Admission for short-term courses i.e. from Sr.

No. 1 to 5 could be given for candidates who have completed 17.5 years of age.

In order to bring uniformity for examinations etc, all short-term courses shall in future commence only on the first working day of the month.

8 Exemption for selection through IIT-JEE:

This M S Notice No 24 of 2002 shall not be applicable for the candidates recruited through IIT-JEE by the maritime training institutions in consultation with Director General of Shipping.

9 Entry into force:

This M.S. Notice shall be effective from 01.12.2002 for all the courses other than those mentioned under Sr. No. 8. But it shall be effective from 01.02.2003 for the course listed under Sr. No. 8 i.e. one year Training Marine Engineering Course.

Training Institutes/workshops may, study this M S Notice carefully and implement the directives in strict compliance, and also give wide publicity thereto. Every advertisement released for maritime training after the date of issue of this M S Notice shall reflect only the criteria mentioned herein.

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Director General of Shipping**