


DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, GOVT. OF INDIA, MUMBAI		
	TRAINING BRANCH	Ref : QMS 7.0 IS / ISO Clause No. 7.1
	Shipboard training as part of the approved training programme for the pre-sea courses leading to Certificate of Competency or Certificate of proficiency.	File No. TR/CIR/6(14)/20 19
Approved by : Director General of Shipping, GoI	DGS Circular No. : 18 of 2020	Dated 24.04.2020

1. Whereas India is signatory country to the "Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for seafarers" (STCW) 1978, as amended, and in compliance with the said Convention, promulgated its requirements in her national laws through Merchant Shipping (Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for seafarers) (STCW) Rules, 2014.
2. Whereas the "Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for seafarers" (STCW) 1978, Convention as amended, requires maritime administration to administer, monitor and supervise the Maritime Training Institutes (MTI) approved for conducting the maritime courses.
3. Whereas the "Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for seafarers" (STCW) 1978, Convention as amended, also requires that the seafarers are imparted training and assessed for the competencies as stated in the Convention.
4. Whereas Regulation II / 1 of the STCW Convention, 1978, as amended states the mandatory minimum requirements for certification of officers in charge of a navigational watch on ships of 500 gross tonnage or more. As per Para 2.2 of the said Regulation -
"Every candidate for certification shall have approved seagoing service of not less than 12 months as part of an approved training programme which

