

	<u>DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, GOVT.OF INDIA, MUMBAI</u>	IS/ISO Clause No.7.1
Ref.: QMS - 7.0 Page 1	Sub: Minimum eligibility criteria for admissions in pre-sea maritime courses, Introduction of “Common Entrance Test” (CET) and Online Counselling.	No.TR/Mis./9(10)/2017
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1. Whereas India being signatory to the International Convention on “Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW), 1978, as amended is obliged to comply with the requirements of the said Convention.
2. Whereas the Directorate had issued D.G. Shipping Circular No. 07 of 2005 dated 17 / 06 / 2005 stating the “Eligibility criteria for selection of candidates for various pre-sea training courses”. The said circular has been through a number of amendments since then.
3. Whereas the entry standards for various maritime courses approved by the Directorate were also mentioned in the various Orders / Guidelines issued by the Directorate time to time.
4. Whereas a need was felt for consolidating the eligibility criteria for admission in pre-sea maritime courses owing to confusion regarding eligibility for admission among the aspiring seafarers and the maritime community in general.
5. Whereas the maritime awareness is lacking in young students resulting in their getting trapped in to false promises by fraudulent agents.