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Directorate General of Maritime Administration, Mumbai.

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DGMA Circular No. 45 of 2026

Sub: Awareness regarding revised eligibility criteria for issuance of Indian CDC and compliance by DG-approved Maritime Training Institutes (MTIs)- reg.

Reference is invited to DGS Order No. 12 of 2026 dated 23.05.2026 regarding the revision of eligibility criteria for issuance of Continuous Discharge Certificate (CDC) and enhancement of seafarer quality standards.

2. In order to ensure proper awareness among prospective seafarers and strict compliance by all DG-approved Maritime Training Institutes (MTIs), the following is hereby advised:

3. Advisory to Prospective Seafarers

3.1 All aspiring seafarers are advised to carefully read and understand the provisions of DGS Order No. 12 of 2026 and this Circular before applying for admission to five basic courses conducted by a DG-approved MTIs.

3.2 Prospective candidates are informed that, with effect from 01 August 2026, **the issuance of an Indian Continuous Discharge Certificate (CDC) on the basis of completion of the five basic STCW courses alone shall be discontinued, except for the categories specifically permitted under paragraph 14.2 of DGS Order No. 12 of 2026.** Candidates shall, before joining Basic Safety Training course, satisfy themselves that they fall within one of the eligibility categories prescribed under paragraph 14.2 of DGS Order No. 12 of 2026.

3.3 Candidates are further advised to verify their eligibility before making any payment through BharatKosh, as fees once paid shall not be refundable on account of ineligibility or any other reason arising from non-compliance with the eligibility requirements prescribed in DGS Order No. 12 of 2026.

3.4 Candidates are further advised not to rely on assurances or representations made by any individual, agent, consultant, recruiting intermediary, training provider, or other person claiming that completion of only the five basic STCW courses will result in issuance of an Indian CDC or assured employment at sea.

3.5 Candidates are encouraged to verify the approval status of the MTI and the eligibility requirements for CDC issuance through official Directorate channels before enrolling in Basic Safety Training (BST) Course.

4. Directions to DG-Approved Maritime Training Institutes (MTIs)

4.1 All DG-approved MTIs shall prominently display on their websites, admission notices,

brochures, prospectus, and application forms, the revised CDC eligibility requirements prescribed under DGS Order No. 12 of 2026 and ensure that every applicant is informed of the revised CDC eligibility framework before admission is granted to any candidate for Basic Safety Training (BST) Course post 01st August 2026.

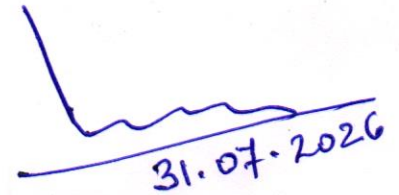
4.2 MTIs are hereby directed **not to accept, process, or enroll applications from candidates seeking admission for the five (05) basic STCW courses exclusively for the purpose of obtaining CDC and issuance of INDoS number without undergoing an approved pre-sea training program or otherwise falling within any of the eligible categories specified vide DGS Order No. 12 of 2026.**

4.3 Any violation of the provisions of DGS Order No. 12 of 2026 or this Circular shall be viewed seriously and may attract administrative action, including suspension or withdrawal of institute approval, in accordance with the applicable regulations.

5. Effective Date

5.1 This Circular shall be read in conjunction with DGS Order No. 12 of 2026, which comes into force w.e.f. 01st August, 2026.

This issues with the approval of the Competent authority.



31.07.2026

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To,

1. All prospective candidates/seafarers
2. All stakeholders