

Notice

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Instances have come to notice of this Directorate, that certain institutes are seeking to deviate unilaterally from the guidelines of the DG Shipping in conduct of 6 months GP Rating Course and conduct of exit examination thereafter. The students who have undergone training from such Institutes should not get misled into appearing for any Exit Examination other than that conducted by the Board of Examination of Seafarers Trust (BEST).

2. It may be noted that under the relevant provisions of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958 and Rule 47 of the Merchant Shipping (Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers), Rules 1998, the Directorate General of Shipping is charged with the responsibility of supervising and seeing that all training and assessment of seafarers for certification is (a) structured in accordance with written programme including such methods and media of delivery, procedure and course material as are necessary to achieve the standard of competence as specified in Chapters II and VIII of the STCW Code; (b) Conducted, monitored, evaluated, and supported by persons qualified in accordance with paragraphs 4 to 6 of Section A-I/6 of the STCW Code. The STCW Convention requires that all maritime education and training falling under the ambit of the Convention to be approved by the "Administration" and continuously monitored through a Quality Standards System.

3. It may be noted that at present there are total 33 General Purpose Rating (**GP Rating**) training institutes throughout the country and exit examination is conducted in respect of these students through Board of Examination for Seafarers Trust (**BEST**) since 2005.

4. The process of admission, examination and certification in respect of GP Ratings is governed by Maritime Education, Training and Assessment (**META**) Manual, which are the statutes of rules prescribed by the Central Government under powers conferred by sections 87, 98, 457 and 458 of the MS Act.

5. As such, the students who do not appear in the prescribed exit examination will not be eligible to get their CDC. The Training institute which seeks to mislead their trainees into appearing for any other exit examination not as per prescribed procedure may stand to lose their recognition.

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