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DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI

F. No. 23-MISC/23/2021-CREW - DGS

Date: 02.12.2022

**DGS Crew Circular No. 23 of 2022**

**Subject: Issuance of Seafarer's Identity Documents (SID) to Indian Seafarers – Reg.**

Whereas, India has ratified the convention No. 185 of the International Labour Organization (ILO) on Seafarer's Identity Documents (SID).

2. Whereas, the Merchant Shipping (Seafarer's Bio-metric Identity Document) Rules, 2016 was notified on 11.4.2016. Accordingly, issuance of SIDs to Indian seafarers has been launched on 05.04.2019 vide Merchant Shipping Notice No.02 of 2019 (F.No.CR/SID-CDAC(1)/14(IV) dated 09.04.2019).

3. Whereas collection of data is presently being done at the following 9 centers with slots indicated against each: -

S.No.	Name of Centers	Slots available per day
01	Government Shipping Office, Mumbai	200
02	Mercantile Marine Department, Noida	200
03	Mercantile Marine Department, Goa	200
04	Mercantile Marine Department, Kandla	50
05	Government Shipping Office, Chennai	100
06	Mercantile Marine Department, Mangalore	75
07	Mercantile Marine Department, Kochi	75
08	Mercantile Marine Department, Vizag	75
09	Government Shipping Office, Kolkata	200

4. Whereas it has been observed that these slots are not being fully utilized by the seafarers. Therefore, in order to utilize full slots available at these data collection centers and to issue BSIDs to all the seafarers, it has been decided that the seafarers should be in possession of BSID prior applying for the following activities : --

- Issuance of Renewal/Duplicate/Replacement of CDCs;
- Issuance/Revalidation of all CoCs & CoPs.
- Admission to all Competency, Simulator & Modular Courses **except** Basic Safety Training (BST), Security Training for Seafarer with Designated Security Duties (STSDSD) which are required for issuance of CDC and BSID.

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5. Whereas, the seafarers are requested to fully utilize all the available slots. The Maritime Training Institutes (MTIs); Recruitment and Placement of Seafarers (RPS) Companies; Shipping Companies; Unions etc are requested to disseminate the said information amongst seafarers and advise & facilitate the Seafarers/Trainees for booking slots for data collection at the nearest data collection centers.
6. Whereas, it shall be mandatory for MTIs to strictly follow the instructions in Para 4 (c) above. Admission taken in violation of above instruction will consider as major non compliance and necessary action shall be initiated against MTIs as per the issued DGS Order i.e. DGS Order 05 and 07 of 2016.
7. This circular will come into effect from 01.04.2023.
8. This issues with the approval of Director General of Shipping and Additional Secretary to the Govt. of India.

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To,

- i. All stakeholders (owners/employers/recruiters/seafarers unions etc) through DGS Website.
- ii. All other non-member Shipping companies to any associations.
- iii. Shipping Offices, Mumbai/Kolkata/Chennai/
- iv. Mercantile Marine Departments.
- v. Hindi Cell for Translation
- vi. E-Gov. Cell.
- vii. Computer Cell for uploading at DGS Website.