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DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI



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**Subject: Amendment to the procedure for approval of medical Examiner of Seafarers
as per Rule 4 of MS Medical Examination Rules, 2000 reg.**

1. This Directorate vide MS Notice 01 of 2015, had issued guideline for approval of medical Examiner of Seafarers as per Rule 4 of MS Medical Examination Rules, 2000.
2. Whereas the Directorate has received many complaints / grievances from the seafarers that the medical examiners are not conducting the examination as per the terms of Medical Examination Rules, 2000. The complaints / grievances received pertains to aspects such as lack proper equipment, inadequate infrastructure, and inadequate basic amenities & hygienic surroundings, doubtfulness in the laboratory tests reports of the seafarers, and no uniformity in the fees charged from the seafarers by approved Medical centers etc.
3. Taking cognizance of these serious lapses, and as per the provisions of the **M.S. Medical Examination Rules 2000**, and in continuation of the M.S. Notice 01 of 2015, this Directorate has decided to add new parameters for all future approval of the medical examiners of seafarers.
4. All existing approvals accorded to the Medical Examiners who are having recognized degree other than MBBS will remain valid and shall be renewed subject to compliance with all other applicable provisions. However, henceforth all medical examiners approval shall be granted only upon compliance with all existing and below mentioned provisions.
5. **Addition provision to be complied with:**
 - a) The Doctor's minimum qualification shall be MBBS from a recognized university approved by competent authority.
 - b) The Doctor should have own clinic/hospital with basic minimum infrastructure requirement, i.e. waiting area for seafarer, examining room, testing lab, collection of blood and urine sample etc. as per the guideline of MS Medical Examination Rules 2000.
 - c) Doctor should have testing laboratory approved by NABL/NABH or they may have tie up with NABL/NABH laboratory only.

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- d) A documentary evidence of land documents (ownership / lease) in respect of clinic along with latest photographs of the clinic is to be provided at the time of initial / renewal of approval.
- e) A minimum processing fee of ₹25,000 for initial and request for renewal approval of ₹10,000/- to be paid through bharatkosh which is non-refundable. For change of address/contact details on the DG shipping medical profile a fee of ₹2000/- paid through bharatkosh.
- f) Renewal of Medical Examiner will be considered if he/she had done at least 25 medical tests of the seafarer in one year in the metro cities and 15 for the non-metro cities.
- g) The approval shall be valid for 5 years from the date of completion of the Medical Familiarization course, or the date up to the validity of registration of Medical Council or the Medical Examiner reaches the age of 65 years, whichever is earlier.
- h) The Medical Examiner who attains the age of 65 years, and desires to renew the approval, may apply to this Directorate. The renewal in such cases may be considered upto age of 70 years depending on the circumstances subject to production of fit certificate from the approved central / State / local Municipal authorities.
- i) The approval so granted shall stand cancelled if any information or document found fake or compromised at any point of time.
- j) The Doctor may collaborate and outsource the various tests to Laboratory centres approved by NABL/NABH laboratory. In Such cases, sample is to be collected at the doctor's approved clinic.
- k) Closed loop feedback system has to be institutionalized, to ensure that feedback received is used towards continual improvement.

This is issued with the approval of the Director General of Shipping in the rank of Secretary to the Govt. of India.


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