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NT Exam Circular 02 of 2020

1. The Directorate vide DGS Order 02 of 2020 dated 16.03.2020 had deferred the conduct of all written competency examinations with effect from 24.03.2020 due to the lockdown imposed to deal with COVID-19 pandemic.
2. During the lockdown period, this Directorate has taken several steps to deal with various aspects pertaining to shipping and certifications of seafarers. This includes introduction of exit exam for STCW modular courses and tender for the developing online oral examination process. In addition, discussion & trials are being carried out to assess feasibility of conducting written examinations in online mode.
3. While the pandemic has resulted in substantial changes to various processes, seafarers will, however, need to continue to work physically in the maritime sector. In view of the same and to ensure that Indian seafarers continue to be able to function effectively even in the current pandemic situation, oral examinations were resumed for the nautical discipline at the examination centres subject to compliance with local regulations and social distancing norms.
4. Oral examinations were resumed for candidates who could not appear for oral examinations in March 2020 due to the lockdown and also for candidates who had passed all the written functions and had booked for the oral examination to be held in April 2020. More than 475 candidates have already appeared for oral examination physically at all examination centres up to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2020.
5. Candidates who had booked for the examination in April 2020 and have not yet replied to MMD for appearing in the oral examination are required to contact the respective MMD immediately so that the pending oral examinations of April can be completed at the earliest. If the candidate is unable to appear at the booked examination centre, they may inform the examination centre accordingly, so that process for refund of their fees can be processed along with refund of fees of other candidates.

6. Booking for oral examination will be opened from 17.08.2020 to 27.08.2020. Candidates who are eligible to appear for oral examinations ( i.e after completion of written and signal examination and modular courses) may book their seats for oral examinations. Date for booking oral examination in respect of other candidates will be intimated subsequently. Candidates who are not eligible for appearing in oral examination may not book their seat as their fees would be forfeited.

7. The booking of written examination and conduct of signal examination will be resumed once the current restrictions imposed by Central and State Governments are lifted. Candidates are advised to monitor the DGS website for information regarding the resumption of written and signal examinations.

8. This is issued with approval of the Chief Examiner of Master and Mates and the Nautical Advisor to the Government of India (i/c).



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