



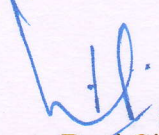
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DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI

**F.No. 25-104/9/2022-NT-DGS (C. No. 20314)**

**Dated: 14.08.2024**

**Subject: EAC Branch Advisory (01 of 2024)- Notice to candidates appearing in STCW Competency Examination- reg.**

1. Attention is drawn to Notice No. 25-13011/8/2022-NT-DGS dated 07.11.2022 (copy enclosed). It has come to the attention of various MMD exam centers and this Directorate that candidates for competency exams are receiving fraudulent SMS and/or WhatsApp messages regarding their written / oral examinations. These messages offer false assurances with the intent to mislead candidates.
2. It is reiterated that DG Shipping, MMD, and Exam centers **do not** communicate through SMS or WhatsApp.
3. All candidates are advised to disregard such messages or calls, block the originating numbers, and refrain from engaging in any communication with these individuals. Candidates may also file an online complaint with the local police regarding such fraudulent calls/message.
4. Furthermore, candidates are requested to report such incidents to the concerned Mercantile Marine Department (MMD) or DG Shipping. This matter is under investigation by law enforcement agencies, and the numbers involved are being tracked. Any candidate found engaging with these fraudulent platforms will face action as per the applicable provisions under the MS STCW Rules 2024, which may include being debarred permanently or for a specified period.
5. This matter is to be treated with the utmost seriousness. Complaints, including details of the communication (e.g., screenshots, phone numbers), should be forwarded by email to the **jurisdictional MMDs/DGS**.
6. This advisory is issued with the approval of the Competent Authority.

  
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Encl: As Above.



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**Information - notice to all candidates of nautical discipline – reg**

1. It has been noticed that the candidates of competency exams of nautical discipline are receiving SMS and/or whatsapp message regarding their examination especially oral examination. In this regard it is informed that the DG Shipping/MMD/Exam Centres DO NOT send any kind of message through SMS or whatsapp.
2. It is advised to all candidates that DO NOT entertain such messages and exercise caution.
3. It may be reported to the concerned Mercantile Marine Department (MMD)/ DG Shipping.
4. This is issued with the approval of Chief Examiner of Master and Mates.

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