

Training of Ship Security Officers (SSO), Company Security Officer (CSO) and Port Facility Security Officer (PFSO)

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The Directorate General of Shipping has approved 12 institutes to conduct Ship Security Officers (SSO), Company Security Officer (CSO) and Port Facility Security Officer (PFSO) course related to ISPS at various places in India. Subsequently, we have been receiving several requests from stakeholders that more training institutes should be approved at various places in order to provide flexibility and accessibility at different locations to the candidates desiring to undergo ISPS course from reputed institutes. It may be pointed out that only those institutes were approved which were either government controlled or the institutes that conducted the course in collaboration with selected classification societies or institutes under Naval control, so that stringent requirements for conducting such courses are complied with keeping in mind the sensitive nature of these courses.

We have already issued [Training Circular No 2 of 2004](#) advising the training institutes to get themselves benchmarked from any one of the three rating agencies notified. This was done to further ensure that the maritime institutes are adequately equipped to impart quality training.

Requests received from industry to allow more institutes to conduct ISPS course has been reviewed and reconsidered. It has now been decided that the request for fresh approval for ISPS courses will be considered from the institutes which have got themselves benchmarked and have got reasonably good grade. Any institute desiring to conduct ISPS course may apply to the Directorate, enclosing the copy of the their benchmarking certificate. Other conditions like fee etc. will be continued to be governed as stipulated in earlier M.S. Notices on the subject mentioned above.

This notice will come into force with immediate effect.

This issues with the approval of the Director General of Shipping and ex-officio Addl. Secretary to the Govt. of India.

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All Training Institutes