

Issuance of Continuous Discharge Certificate Cum-Seafarers Identity Document (CDC) for GMDSS Certificate holders.

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Subject: Issuance of Continuous Discharge Certificate Cum-Seafarers Identity Document (CDC) for GMDSS Certificate holders.

1. Global Maritime Distress Safety System (GMDSS) General Operations Certificate (GOC) is mandated for carrying out duties relating to Radio Communication Function on board ships. Candidates with GMDSS GOC are being issued with Continuous Discharge Certificate cum-Seafarers Identity Document (CDC) for jobs relating to Radio Communications Function on board ships after completing training of 4 basic STCW courses totaling to 11 days duration. Instances have come to notice however that considerable number of GMDSS certificates holders after obtaining CDC, are seeking employment on board various ships at different level including ratings, cadets etc. instead of radio officers, bypassing their prescribed Pre Sea Training Stipulations. This practice encroaches upon the job opportunity of GP ratings stream who had undergone their prescribed Pre sea Training of six months duration.

2. However, training for Radio Officers is considered essential to keep open the stream for future requirement in the Shipping industry. Considering the above situation, the direction issued vide [MS Notice 25 of 2010](#) dated 24.12.2010 to stop receiving the application for GMDSS GOC holders whether Indian or UK or any other country who have not undergone the prescribed Pre sea training is hereby cancelled with certain specific stipulation listed below.

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- i. The Shipping Masters are hereby directed to receive applications for CDC of GMDSS GOC holders as per prevailing practice.
- ii. However, the GMDSS GOC CDCS (whether Indian or UK or any other countries) issued hence forth will be a restricted CDC to enable them to acquire training as radio officers only. These CDCs will be issued with a validity of 2 years. Candidates holding these CDCs shall not be eligible for working on board as rating or cadets. The Sea service entered on these CDC's shall not be counted for Sea time as rating or cadets
- iii. Every holder of such CDC have to report their employment status and the capacity in which they are working, at an interval of every 6 months electronically to the SM office with copy to INDOS cell as illustrated below in [annexure I](#). Further renewal of CDC will be subjected to the submission of employment status as stated above. The CDC will be renewed after 2 years for further similar duration. Such CDC will be inscribed with notings that " Not for Employment as ratings or cadets & not to count for Sea Service towards rating or cadets" No plea for counting this time towards sea service training will be entertained.
- iv. The applicants who have already applied and whose applications are kept on hold in lieu of MS Notice 25 of 2010 shall also be processed as per provisions of this notice.

3. This M.S. Notices will come into with immediate effect.

4. This issues with the approval of Director General of Shipping & ex-officio Additional Secretary to Govt. of India.

Sd/-

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Dy. Director General of Shipping