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Sub: Induction of cadets in a Dredge Cadre Stream with Compliance of STCW 1978 as amended in 1995 certification

1. The Director General of Shipping has been conducting examination for issuing Certificate of Competency to the dredge cadre officers (Nautical Stream) as per Merchant Shipping (Examination of Dredge Masters and Dredge Mates) rules 1985 as amended as per 1993 amendments. To meet the growing demand of Dredge Officers and their requirements worldwide, the Directorate stipulates the following procedure for training and certification as STCW compliant Certificates limited for working on dredgers only.

2. Training and Certification Procedure:

2.1 Pre sea stage: The candidates who have completed the pre sea IGNOU-DGS cadets training of one year are eligible to join as Dredge Grade cadets after undergoing dredge orientation course of 2 months. This course can be conducted by DGS approved Training institutes as per laid down guidelines.

2.2 Sea service requirement: The candidates undertaking this course are required to perform at least 18 months of sea service on board a dredging ship. During this period they are also required to undergo structured ship board training programme by any of the DGS approved SSTP organizations.

2.2.1 A candidate who has not undergone two months of dredge orientation course at Pre sea stage is required to perform a sea service of 24 months on dredging ships.

2.2.2 A candidate who has not undertaken an approved ship board structured training programme is required to complete at least 30 months of approved sea service.

3. Post Sea Education: On completion of his minimum sea service requirement as stipulated under Para 2, a candidate is eligible to join the post sea training / education of 4 months in any of the approved training institutes. This post sea education will include a function of dredge operation in place of cargo operation for 2nd Mate Competency course of dredge cadre.

4. Assessment of Sea Service: The assessment of sea service of the candidates shall be in same lines as per the requirement of the META manual for all the candidates of trading ships.

5. Examination:

5.1 On completion of Post sea training / education a candidate is eligible to appear for his written examination of 2nd Mate FG. This 2nd Mate FG examination shall be in line with that of 2nd Mate FG of a Nautical stream of trading ships, however, in place of a function of cargo operation the dredge candidate shall be appearing in dredge functions.

5.2 After appearing in the written examination and completing all the modular courses as per the requirement as stated in the META manual for 2nd Mate FG, a candidate is eligible to appear for his oral examination assisted by external examiner in dredge function.

6. Certification: On successful completion of his written and oral examination candidate shall be awarded 2nd Mate FG Certificate of Competency in the same format as that of a 2nd Mate FG of a trading ship as per STCW 1978 as amended in 1995. However, in place of a function of a cargo operation a candidate will be issued certificate with an endorsement on a function of dredge operation and the certificate shall have the limitations for candidate work only in dredgers.

7. Bridging Scheme:

7.1 A candidate has an option of obtaining a 2nd Mate FG certification without any limitations after undergoing 18 months of sea

service as watch keeping officer in a dredger. The procedure for the bridging scheme shall be as follows:

- 7.2 On the completion of minimum period of 18 months of sea service as a watch keeping officer in a dredger, a candidate is required to undergo a sea service as a trainee officer for a minimum period of 6 month on trading ships.
- 7.3 On completion of sea service of 6 months, a candidate may appear for written exams for cargo function of 2nd Mate FG followed by an oral examination for cargo function. On successful completion of cargo function at operational level, the candidate shall be awarded 2nd Mate FG certificate without any limitations.
- 8. Course outline and syllabus:
 - 8.1 The course outline and syllabus shall be same as that of a 2nd Mate FG of a trading ship as stipulated in META manual for functions of navigation, controlling the operation of ship and care for person on board and communication (GMDSS/GOC).
 - 8.2 For the pre sea two months dredge orientation course and function course of dredge operation, a committee has been formed which will shortly be giving course outline and details of the syllabus.

This notice is issued with the approval of Chief Examiner of Master and Mates and may be implemented with immediate effect.

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