

DGS Order No. 2 of 2010

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**Sub: Commencement of Nautical Grade Examinations (Written and Orals) at
Mercantile Marine Department, Kochi**

1.1. The Directorate General of Shipping has been receiving requests for quite sometime from candidates as well as merchant navy officers association, Kochi and training institutes to commence written and oral examinations of Nautical Grades at Mercantile Marine Department, Kochi. It is a matter of fact that large number of candidates from southern states, in particular from Kerala are appearing in Nautical Grade written/oral examinations at various other MMDs due to non-availability of nautical grade assessment and examination at Kochi. This increases unnecessary burden on the candidates in terms of monetary requirements and time for commuting to these centers and staying thereon till examination is over.

2. The Directorate's mission /vision statement provides for customers' satisfaction and as a step towards this, it is imperative to start Nautical grade examination facility at MMD Kochi to obviate the problems of perspective candidates to save their valuable time and expenses

3. Above issue has been discussed in the Directorate and it has been decided that

3.1 With effect from July 2010, as a first step towards the nautical grade examination at Kochi, written and oral examinations at operational level i.e. Second Mate (FG) grade shall be conducted at Mercantile Marine Department, Kochi. Written examination will be held as per the schedule notified by the Examination center of the Directorate.

3.2 Assessment and booking of second mate (FG) grade written and oral examination will commence at MMD Kochi from the month of June 2010. Schedule for assessment and booking will be released by MMD Kochi during the last week of May 2010. Capacity - 40 candidates.

3.3 All those candidates especially from the Southern parts of India who are otherwise eligible and desirous of appearing for second mate (FG) examination at MMD Kochi from July 2010 onwards may transfer their application (Form-15) to MMD Kochi as per norms of MMDs.

3.4 Other higher grades of examination like First Mate (FG) and Master (FG) will be commenced subsequently.

In case of any difficulty being faced by the candidates, the same should be brought to the notice of the Chief Examiner of Master and Mates. Further orders, if any, shall be issued after reviewing the position by Dec 2010.

Sd/-

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