

INVALIDITY BENEFIT SCHEME

DETAILS OF THE ‘INVALIDITY BENEFIT SCHEME’ FOR THE INDIAN SEAFARER WHO BECAME PERMANENTLY UNFIT FOR SEAFARING PROFESSION DURING OFF

ARTICLE PERIOD.

1. Pursuant to the objects of the Seafarers’ Welfare Fund Society (herein after referred to as the Society) as defined in Article 3(XV) of the Memorandum of Association of the Society, the **Indian** seafarer, as being eligible in terms of provisions of rule 3 herein below, may be granted the financial assistance under the ‘Invalidity Benefit Scheme’, on becoming permanently unfit for seafaring profession under the circumstances and to the extent detailed herein below.

2. Such financial assistance to for the Indian seafarer, on becoming permanently unfit for seafaring profession shall be paid, at the absolute discretion of the society and such financial assistance, may be dispensed with and / or curtailed /enhanced, suspended or completely withdrawn at any time without any prior notice. The availability of such **financial assistance under the** ‘Invalidity Benefit Scheme’ to the eligible **Indian** seafarer, during off article period does not in any manner confer or create any prescriptive right whatsoever and shall not be called in question.

3. Eligibility.

The scheme, is applicable to the **Indian** seafarers, **holding CDC book**, and who are **last** recruited / engaged, by Indian ship-owners or through registered RPS, for either Indian or foreign flag vessels, before occurrence of an injury, due to which he/she became permanently unfit for seafaring profession.

The **financial assistance under the** ‘Invalidity Benefit Scheme’ shall be granted to the **Indian** seafarer, who has become permanently unfit, for the seafaring profession, due to an injury that occurred on or after 21.08.2014, during off article period of 12 months (amended to 24 month w.e.f. 31/05/2022), from the date of sign off from the last vessel/ship, as recruited/engaged above.

4. Quantum.

The quantum of financial assistance under this scheme shall be ₹.1,00,000/- (₹One lakh only) to the eligible **Indian** seafarer. (Refer Note given below.)

5. The Society may approach the Indian ship-owners /registered RPS, company concerned and obtain such particulars as may be necessary for the purpose of payment of financial assistance envisaged under this scheme.

6. To receive the benefit under this scheme only such applications will be entertained **which** are submitted to Seafarers’ Welfare Fund Society within a period of **two** years upto 30/05/2022 and for accidental injury which occurred on or after 31/05/2022 the time limit is increased to three years from the date of certificate issued by the DGS approved medical practitioner.

7. Application for financial assistance under this scheme is to be made in the prescribed form, along with the certificate issued by the DGS approved Medical Practitioner certifying the **Indian** seafarer ‘Permanently Unfit’ for the seafaring profession due to injury, **copy of discharge card/certificate and medical report card issued by the hospital (where the said Indian seafarer was admitted for the treatment)** and original CDC Book.

8. Notwithstanding anything contained herein above in all doubtful/disputed and/or exceptional cases, the Committee of Management **of the SWF Society** may examine and decide, on case to case basis, and its decision shall be final.

Note 1: The amount of financial assistance has been enhanced to Rs. 200000/- (Rupees Two lacs only) w.e.f. 16/03/2016 for the seafarer, where the injury to the seafarer has occurred on or after 16.03.2016, within off article period of 12 months from the date of sign off from the last vessel/ship.

Note 1: The amount of financial assistance has been enhanced to Rs. 6,00,000/- (Rupees Six lacs only) w.e.f. 29/04/2024 for the seafarer, where the injury to the seafarer has occurred on or after 29/04/2024, within off article period of 24 months from the date of sign off from the last vessel/ship.

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APPLICATION FORM FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER 'INVALIDITY BENEFIT SCHEME'.

(Please refer notes given below before submitting this application form.)

Seafarer's name in Full (As per CDC Book)	Mr./Mrs./Ms.
CDC Book Number	
Indian shipowners Co. name OR Recruitment & Placement Service (RPS) provider Name & Regn. No	
The name and date of the vessel last sign-off	
Correspondence address	
Telephone No. (with STD Code) / Mobile No.	Tel. No. _____ Mobile No. _____

I, the undersigned, have become **PERMANENTLY UNFIT**, for seafaring profession due to an accidental injury which took place on _____.

I now request you to grant me, financial assistance under the 'Invalidity Benefit Scheme', as per SWF Society's rules as applicable for the scheme. I am submitting herewith following documents, to receive the claim under the scheme. I give below my Bank account details. **(Bank details are mandatory, without which the application will not be processed.)**

Sr. No.	Document
1	Original latest Indian CDC Book of the Indian seafarer showing last sign-off vessel name and date.
2	Attested copy of latest Indian CDC Book
3	Original certificate issued by the DGS approved Medical Practitioner certifying the Indian seafarer "Permanently Unfit" for the seafaring profession due to injury.
4	Attested copy of discharge card/certificate and medical report card issued by the hospital (where the Indian seafarer was admitted for the treatment.)

Details of the bank, where the financial assistance amount to be credited (mandatory)

Name of the bank	Branch name	Branch address	S.B. A/c no.	Branch IFSC code

(Note: Please attach a legible copy of the Front page of Bank Pass Book of SB Account showing applicant's name, duly attested by the Branch Manager of the Bank.)

I declare that I am claiming this financial assistance on the strength of the documents submitted as above, and at later date if it is proved that I am not Permanently Unfit for seafaring profession or my claim was found fraudulent, I undertake to refund the financial assistance in full to the SWF Society and also authorize the SWF Society to recover the same from me from my any source of Income.

Place: _____

(Applicant's Signature/ Thumb Impression)

Date: _____

Name of Applicant: _____

Note 1: This scheme is applicable only for Indian seafarers, holding CDC book and effective from 21.08.2014 & hence date of injury should be on or after 21.08.2014.

Note 2: The date of injury of seafarer should be within 12 months period from the date of sign-off from the last vessel as recorded in the Indian CDC Book.

Note 3: The application for financial assistance should receive by the Society within two years period from the date of certificate issued by the DGS approved medical practitioner.

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Application No. _____

Documents attached verified & the applicant found eligible/not eligible under Invalidity benefit scheme for financial assistance of ₹. _____. (₹. _____ Only)

Checked by D.A.

Verified by (A.A.O.)

Recommended by (CAAO)

Approved by MT/MS