

	<u>DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, GOVT.OF INDIA, MUMBAI</u>	IS/ISO Clause No.7.1
Ref.:QMS - 7.0 Page 1	Subject: Amendment to the eligibility criteria for admission into GME Course-reg.	F.No. TR/Cir/6(1)/2018
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The Directorate has been receiving representations from candidates, in possession of engineering degrees in various streams of Mechanical/ Naval Architecture Engineering, requesting to allow them to pursue their career in Merchant Navy as Marine Engineer Officer.

1. WHEREAS the Merchant Shipping (STCW) Rules, 2014, Chapter III, Rule 35 deals with "Marine Engineer Officer Class IV (Officer in charge of an engineering watch on ships powered by main propulsion machinery of 750 kw propulsion power or more (OIC EW)" and provides for training requirements for Mechanical and Naval Architecture Engineering degree holders to be qualified and eligible for Marine Engineering Officer Class IV Certificate of Competency (COC) examination.
2. WHEREAS there are nine streams of training available to be qualified and eligible for Marine Engineering Officer Class IV Certificate of Competency (COC) examination as per TEAP Manual, Part 'A' in Section III/1 and that the stream 4 and 5 of the flow diagram no.III/1 prescribe the eligibility criteria for entry into Training to qualify for Marine Engineer Officer Class IV. Both streams (stream no. 4 & 5) requires a full-time Degree Course in Mechanical, Naval Architecture or Mechanical & Automation Engineering from a College or Institute approved by the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) or from the Indian Institute of Technology or from University Engineering Colleges (Colleges directly run by University) is a pre-requisite to undergo Training course.
3. Noting that the engineering institutions have been granting degrees of Mechanical and Naval Architecture Engineering in combination with other streams such as Mechanical & Automobile, Naval Architecture & ship building, etc. and that these candidates are thus not eligible to undergo training as per the existing rules as such degrees are not specified in flow diagram no III/1 of TEAP manual, Part 'A'.

4. THEREFORE, in consideration of the representations made by the candidates, the Competent Authority, in supersession of all circular issued previously on this subject, has now prescribed the eligibility criteria for pursuing Training course in DGS approved institutes and also the eligibility to appear in COC examinations conducted by DGS and same has been detailed in paragraph no.5, below:

5. The following categories are eligible to undertake the above said training in DGS approved institutes:

(i) Category (a) – A full time BE / B. Tech in all Mechanical Engineering streams e.g. Mechanical and Automation, Mechanical and Electronics, Mechanical and Automobile etc. However, the word “Mechanical” should be first indicating that mechanical engineering is the core and the second subject is the elective.

OR

(ii) Category (b) – All Naval Architecture streams e.g. Naval Architecture and Ocean Engineering, Naval Architecture and Ship building, etc. However, the word “Naval Architecture” should be first indicating that Naval Architecture is the core and the second subject is the elective.

OR

(iii) Category (c) – BE /B. Tech in Marine Engineering.

OR

(iv) Category (d) – BE /B. Tech in Mechanical Engineering.

The above BE/B. Tech degree or any other higher degree such as 5 year integrated M.E./M.Tech degree must have been obtained from AICTE approved institute or the IITs’ or from University Engineering Colleges (Colleges directly run by University). However, candidates from the combination streams i.e. Category (a) and (b) will have to pass Part ‘A’ subject of both MEO Class –IV and MEO Class –II grade of examinations. These candidates may be considered for exemption from appearing in subject of Mathematics and Applied Mechanics. Candidates from Category (c) and (d) are exempted from appearing in all subjects of Part ‘A’ off both MEO Class –IV and MEO Class –II grade of examinations.