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DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI

**DGS Order No. 04 of 2026**

<b>File No.20-19016/9/2021-TRG-DGS (Comp. No. 11473)</b>	<b>Date: 15.04.2026</b>
<b>Subject:</b> Levy and Remittance of Annual Fee (1%) by Maritime Training Institutes (MTIs) Conducting Foreign Administration–Approved Courses under Approval/NOC of the Directorate General of Shipping.	
<b>References:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>DGS Order No. 5 of 2016 issued on 01.11.2016</li><li>DGS Order No. 7 of 2016 issued on 17.11.2016</li><li>DGS Training Circular No. 4 of 2018 dated 23.01.2018</li><li>Training Manual Vol. I &amp; II</li><li>DGS Order No. 8 of 2025 issued on 01.08.2025</li></ol>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>Section 47 of the <i>Merchant Shipping Act, 2025</i> vests in the Director General of Shipping the authority to administer, supervise, and monitor all activities relating to maritime education, training, and assessment, including the approval of training institutes and training courses, as well as the regulation of the conduct of such courses for the purpose of grant of Certificates of Competency and Certificates of Proficiency.</li><li>The Directorate General of Shipping, vide DGS Order No. 5 of 2016 dated 01.11.2016 (Guidelines for Approval of Post-Sea Courses) and DGS Order No. 7 of 2016 dated 17.11.2016 (Guidelines for Approval of Pre-Sea Courses), <i>inter alia</i>, prescribed that all approved institutes shall remit to the Directorate an annual contribution equivalent to one per cent (1%) of the total fees collected during the preceding Financial Year (1st April to 31st March), subject to a minimum of ₹10,000. Such contribution is required to be remitted by 31st May of each year through e-payment in favour of the Director General of Shipping, and details thereof furnished to the Directorate. In the event of default, penal interest at the rate of eighteen per cent (18%) per annum shall be levied. Further, failure to remit the due amount by 31st July of the relevant year may result in suspension of approval until such time as the payment is made, without prejudice to any consequential action.</li><li>Subsequently, vide DGS Training Circular No. 4 of 2018 dated 23.01.2018, it was mandated that all Maritime Training Institutes (MTIs) shall remit processing fees,</li></ol>	

annual fees, and fees for approval of new pre-sea and post-sea courses exclusively through *Bharat Kosh* (PAO-DDO-DG Shipping). The generated receipt is required to be submitted along with the relevant proposal. Submission of fees through demand drafts or cheques has been discontinued and shall not be accepted.

4. Further, DGS Order No. 08 of 2025 dated 01.08.2025 was issued to regulate maritime training conducted under foreign administrations within India. The said Order, inter alia, prohibits foreign administrations or their representatives from conducting, promoting, or delivering STCW training in India without prior approval or No Objection Certificate (NOC) from the Director General of Shipping.
5. In continuation of the above and in exercise of the powers conferred under the Merchant Shipping Act, 2025, the Directorate General of Shipping hereby mandates that all Maritime Training Institutes (MTIs) conducting courses approved by foreign administrations, after obtaining the requisite approval or No Objection Certificate (NOC) in accordance with the procedure prescribed by this Directorate, shall remit an Annual Fee equivalent to one per cent (1%) of the total fees collected from candidates admitted to such courses. The said Annual Fee shall be calculated on the basis of the total admitted strength for each Financial Year and shall be remitted to the Consolidated Fund of India through *Bharat Kosh*, in accordance with the extant framework applicable to courses approved by the Indian Administration for the DGS approved MTIs. The remittance shall be completed on or before 31st May of the succeeding Financial Year. In the event of default, the concerned MTI shall be liable to pay interest by way of penalty at the rate of eighteen per cent (18%) per annum, payable up to 31st July of the same year. Continued non-compliance shall invite disciplinary action by the Directorate General of Shipping, including, but not limited to, suspension or withdrawal of the approval or NOC granted.
6. This Order shall come into force with effect from 1st April, 2026.

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