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Sub.: Recognition of 2nd Mate (FG) Certificate of Competency by Association of Indian Universities as equivalence to B. Sc. (Nautical Science) degree – reg.

Indian seafarers of the nautical discipline have been facing difficulty in pursuing higher academic qualifications as the Certificate of Competency [CoC] issued by the Indian Maritime Administration was not accepted by all Universities.

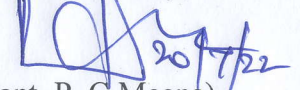
2. The matter was therefore taken up with the Association of Indian Universities [AIU] as navigating officers undergo rigorous training and certification programme which includes unique blend of book learning and on the job practical learning on board merchant ships. Further, the competence of seafarers is assessed to international standards specified in the Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping Convention, 1978, as amended [STCW Convention] and only those who demonstrate the required competence are issued with Certificate of Competency.

4. The syllabus of 2nd Mate (FG) certificate competency was compared with the BSc Nautical science degree by the expert committee. The recommendation of the expert committee were approved by the equivalence committee of the Association of Indian Universities [AIU]. Subsequent to the approval of the equivalence committee, the Governing council of AIU in its 369th Meeting held on June 29, 2022 has accorded equivalence of 2nd Mate CoC issued by Directorate General of Shipping, Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways as equivalence to B.Sc. (Nautical Science). The copy of the letter No. EV/VII (5) /2022 dated July 18, 2022 from Secretary General of Association of Indian Universities in this regard is enclosed.

6. 2nd Mate CoC [FG] holders desiring to obtain equivalence certificate may therefore approach to Association of Indian Universities.

7. This is issued with approval of the Chief Examiner of Master & Mates and the Nautical Advisor to the Government of India (i/c).

Yours faithfully,


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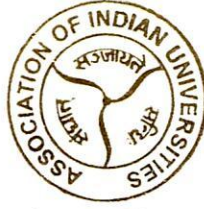
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Sub: B.Sc. (Nautical Science) degree equivalence to navigating officers in possession of 2nd Mate (FG) Certificate of Competency.

Sir,

This has reference of your letter No. F. No. 25-13011/3/2020-NT-DGS –Part (1) dated 08.09.2021 on the aforementioned subject.

2. The proposal for equivalence of 2nd Mate CoC pursued by navigating officers and issued by the Directorate General of Shipping, Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways was placed before the Expert Committee of Association of Indian Universities (AIU). The recommendations of the Expert Committee were placed before the Equivalence Committee of AIU which resolved as under: -


The Committee perused the report of the committee and approved recommendation of subcommittee that equivalence of 2nd Mate (FG) Certificate of Competency (CoC) possessed by navigating officers as “Officer In charge of a navigational watch on ships of 500 gross tonnage or more” i.e., 2nd Mate CoC] issued by the Directorate General of Shipping, Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways as equivalent to B.Sc. (Nautical Science). The individual may apply to AIU and pay applicable fees similar to other cases of foreign qualification equivalence.

3. The Governing Council of AIU in its 369th meeting held on 29th June, 2022 has approved the recommendation of equivalence committee and accorded equivalence to 2nd Mate CoC issued by the Directorate General of Shipping, Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways as equivalent to B.Sc. (Nautical Science).

4. The individuals possessing requisite Certificate of Competency shall be able to apply for equivalence on submission of prescribed documents and applicable fees.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,


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