NCV - SSTP
Near Coastal Voyage (Deck Cadets)
Structured Shipboard Training Programme
Prospectus

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Structured Shipboard Training Programme (SSTP)  
for Near Coastal Voyage (NCV) Deck Cadet

Introduction

SSTP for the NCV Deck Cadets is designed to

A) Meet requirements of DGS approved Training Record Book for NCV deck cadets. The tasks are framed in a way to match the tasks performed on board.

B) Complements practical learning through a task based curriculum, which enables effective application of theoretical knowledge. It is a “learn while you work” training programme.

C) Ensure that the trainee receive appropriate knowledge and experience in the tasks, duties and responsibilities, which they would be required to undertake as an officer in charge of a navigational watch.

D) Ensures that the candidate develops confidence by acquiring the knowledge of the general principles and operating instructions of equipment on a ship.

E) Ensures that the candidates gain strong seamanship foundation and an all round perspective of shipboard operations.

Conduct of the Programme

A) The SSTP consists of three semesters, each of six months duration, which is to be completed on board the ship.

B) The subjects covered for each semester are:
   - a. Navigation at operational level
   - b. Cargo handling and stowage at operational level
   - c. Controlling the operation of the ship and care for personnel on board at operational level

C) When the cadet has enrolled in the programme he/she will be issued with the following course material
   - a. Learning Guide for 3 semesters for each subject (Total 9 nos.)
   - b. Technical journal/Assignment book for 3 semesters for each subject (Total 9 nos.)
   - c. DGS approved Training Record Book
   - d. Introduction to the SSTP for the cadet
   - e. Introduction to the SSTP for the ship master/shipboard training officer

D) The cadets shall complete tasks specified in the TRB for each semester. Some of the tasks have to be completed in practice and demonstrated to the STO. Each task has to be verified and attested by the STO in the TRB. The technical journal for each semester should verified and attested by the STO before submission to the BES DLP centre.

E) When the cadet signs off from the ship after each semester he/she should meet the DLP coordinator at BES DLP centre, Mumbai for the contact program.

F) On completion of all three semesters the cadet will be required to appear for an examination conducted at BES DLP centre, Mumbai.
### Flow chart for NCV programme

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| Qualification/Selection/ Age (years)/ Pre-sea Training/ Medical | 1. Matriculation (10th std.)  
2. Pre sea GP rating course  
3. Between 18 and 25 years  
4. Medical fitness certificate including eye sight examination where mandated as per MS Medical Examination Rules 2000  
5. All India Exit Examination Certificate for GP Rating |
| DGS approved SSTP | Sponsored by a Shipping Company |
| Sea- going Service | 18 months (on-board training, with approved Training Record Book and 6 months supervised bridge watch-keeping duties) |
| POST-SEA Education and Training | Approved and prescribed post sea courses and applicable modular courses, and appropriate certificate of ‘Rating forming part of Navigation watch |
| Eligibility for NWKO (NCV) Examination | Assessment of TRB, NWKO (NCV) Course - 4 months + • Radar and ARPA Simulator training at operational level • GMDSS GOC • PSC & RB • AFF • MFA |
| Examination | Passing of NWKO (NCV) examination - written and oral |
| Certificate of Competency | Navigational Watch keeping Officer (NCV) Conditions for non-trading ships |

### Application Procedure

The application form can be obtained from the BES DLP centre or can be downloaded from the website. The total fees are Rs.16,000/- can be paid in two installments; Rs.10,000/- through a DD in favour of Board of Examinations for Seafarers Trust on enrolment, and Rs.6000/- before commencement of the second semester. Fees once paid will not be refunded.

The duly completed application form together with the following documents:

1. Two passport size photographs with one affixed on the original application and attested by the Company Training Officer (CTO) or any other responsible officer of the ship owner/manager.
2. Photocopy of 10th mark list. Photocopy of Pre Sea Training Course Certificate, and All India Exit Examination Certificate
3. Photocopy of CDC & INDOS certificate.

The admission process and candidate briefing/counseling requires about 2 hours. The prospective candidate should be present at the BES DLP centre at 1000 hours on a working day to facilitate this process. The course material will be issued to the candidate at the end of briefing.

### Course Material:

- **Learning Guides (3 for each semester)** contain sufficient notes and diagrams to suit the level of trainees entering NCV stream.
- **Assignments in the Assignment Books/Journals (3 for each semester)** guide the candidate to write small paragraphs within the space.
Using the course material while working on board will make the trainee gain appropriate competence needed for safe and efficient operation of any ship. The trainee will build a strong foundation to serve the industry through right attitude, knowledge, and skills.

Though this course material has been specifically designed for Deck Cadets NCV, we will have a similar course material for deck ratings who wish to upgrade themselves and would like to take up Certificate of Competence Examination through other options. Such a candidate will receive a BES Certificate for completing DLP, but will not be entitled for remission of sea time towards COC examination.

**Opportunity:**

As the shortage of officers continues to grow, Indian officers will be sought after by both, national and foreign shipping companies. There is much growth in coastal shipping and off shore industry in India, and in foreign countries.

A career at sea offers job satisfaction, financial security and an opportunity to see the world. An NCV deck officer can become a Master (Home Trade) on coastal and off shore vessels. A certified NCV deck officer can earn a gross monthly salary close to Rs.100000.

The optional career path after completing the NCV certification can lead to 2\textsuperscript{nd} Mate Foreign Going and higher ranks within NCV and on foreign going vessels.

Opportunities are also available for deck officers to step ashore and pursue a career in some of the following maritime fields:

- Maritime Training
- Ship Agency
- Crew Manning
- Cargo operations
- And many more options

**The Board of Examination for Seafarers Trust (BES)**

A Collaborative unit of the Company of Master Mariners (India) and the Institute of Marine Engineers (I) was formed in 2005 and authorized by the Directorate General of Shipping (DGS) to conduct the ‘All India Exit Examination’ for trainees passing out of the pre-sea training institutes for ratings. BES is an ISO 9001:2008 certified DGS approved service provider for conducting SSTP for NCV certification. On successful completion of the programme, the NCV cadets will be awarded a DGS approved certificate. This will enable the cadets to appear for the NCV certification examination after eighteen months of sea service (MS Notice 14 of 2007 & MS Notice 05 of 2008)

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