


<b>DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, GOVT. OF INDIA, MUMBAI</b>		
	TRAINING BRANCH	Ref : QMS 7.0 IS / ISO Clause No. 7.1
	<b>Guidelines for Conducting maritime courses using virtual classes/Live Video Sessions</b>	File No. TR/CIR/6(1)/2020
Approved by : <b>Director General of Shipping, GoI</b>	DGS Circular No. : 16 of 2020	Dated 24.04.2020

1. Whereas the "Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for seafarers" (STCW) 1978, Convention as amended, required maritime administration to control, monitor and supervise the Maritime Training Institutes (MTI) approved for conducting the maritime courses.
2. Whereas the said Convention also required the maritime administration to approve the maritime courses conducted by Maritime Training Institutes.
3. Whereas the said Convention additionally required that the seafarers/ candidates are imparted training and assessed for the stated competency.
4. Whereas the provision of distance learning and e-learning for training seafarers as contained in Section B-1/6 of STCW 1978, (as amended) allows for the training of seafarers by distance learning and e-learning in accordance with the standards of training and assessment set out in Section A-1/6 of the said Convention.
5. Whereas the maritime courses such as basic, modular and competency courses and pre-sea training courses were suspended by the Directorate vide DGS Order No. 02 of 2020 dated 16 Mar 2020 and DGS Order No. 05 of 2020 dated 23 Mar 2020 respectively owing to the pandemic COVID 19. The pandemic COVID 19 has disrupted the delivery of training programs.

