

Function of Assistant Shipping Master

- Assist the Shipping Master & Deputy Shipping Master in the performance of duties for administration of Merchant Shipping Ordinance 1983.
- Recruiting of crews as and when the shipping Master and Deputy Shipping Master desire or in their absence
- Supervise the payment of balance of wages of the signed off crews and also the payment at the time of signing on.
- Correspond with the Foreign and National Shipping companies with regard to timely payment of deferred credit money.
- investigate cases of dispute on board the vessel as and when directed by the Shipping Master.
- Examine desertion cases of Seamen and attend Court cases in the absence of the Deputy Shipping Master and any other works as may be assigned by the Shipping Master.

Shipping Section:

Sign On:

As per Merchant Shipping Ordinance, 1983 Foreign and National Ship Owners or Manning Agents request Shipping Master for sign on Crew/Officer in the Articles of Agreement. Date of Joining, Place of Joining, particulars of the ship, principal and company's address mentioned in the request letter.

Sign Off:

As per Merchant Shipping Ordinance, 1983 Foreign and National Ship Owners or Manning Agents request Shipping Master for sign off Crew/Officer from the Articles of Agreement. Date and port of release, particulars of the ship, principal and company's address are mentioned in the request letter.

CDC SECTION

Issuance of CDC is one of the important function in our office. Now we are issuing machine Readable CDC for Merchant Officers & Ratings. We issue CDC in favor of cadets / ratings passed out from the Bangladesh Marine Academy, Bangladesh Marine Fisheries Academy, National Maritime Institute and the private academy approved by the government.

- We also ensure Medical Fitness.
- Our CDC can be verified via Online www.gso.gov.bd
- Presently we have almost 7000 merchant officers, 3500 crews.

Roster Section:

As per Seamen Employment Rules, 2001 two separate Rosters are maintained in the Government Shipping Office. These are:-

- General Roster;
- Company Roster;

A CDC holder Seaman need to firstly register in the Government Shipping Office under the General Roster and then if he like to go for job under company roster, he is to apply to the Shipping Master through the company, which, he desired to be under roster and getting the application from the concerned seaman with the recommendation of the company, his name is to be entitled under the same company roster as approved by the Shipping Master.

Administration Section:

Various office orders and other administrative function are done here:

Account Section:

Officers and employees salary and seamen differed, credit & gratuity related issues are handled in this section.

Annual revenue expenditure calculation (year wise)

YEAR (Years of finance)	INCOME	Salary allowance and other expenses of the officers/employees
2012-2013	33.67	47.43
2013-2014	33.29	61.08
2014-2015	35.48	65.37
2015-2016	113.92	122.25
2016-2017	135.90	144.63
2017-2018	200.00	120.46
2018-19	258.23	148.10

EMPLOYMENT OF SEAFARERS LAST 5 YEARS

YEAR	EMPLOYMENT OF SEAFARERS	PERCENTAGE (+) / (-)
2014	7207	+16.62%
2015	5148	(-)28.57%
2016	6731	+30.75%
2017	6481	(-)3.71%
2018	7212	+11.28%



GOVERNMENT SHIPPING OFFICE



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INAUGURATION CEREMONY OF MACHINE READABLE CDC



HANDING OVER CHEQUES TO THE FAMILY MEMBERS OF M.T. SANCHI DECEASED CREW

Introduction

The Government Shipping Office came into being in the year 1948 in terms of section 6 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1923 & Administration of the Bangladesh Merchant Shipping Ordinance, 1983 and the rules framed there under from time to time for the purpose of submitting seamen's book (Continuous Discharge Certificate) (CDC), joining their vessels, promoting sailors, conducting disciplines for sailors, cadets, officers on national and foreign ocean going vessels. It is a Subordinate field office under the administrative control of the Department of Shipping.

Mission

To help the foreign ship owner/seafarer recruiting agents to employ Bangladeshi seafarer in the national and foreign going vessels, create employment opportunity for seafarer, earn foreign currency and contribute to the development of the country's socio-economic condition.

Vision

Our dream is to increase the demand for the Bangladeshi seafarer in the country's overseas sea-going ship by helping to hire seafarer.



NEW BSC SHIP – BANGLAR ARJAN

The function of the Government Shipping Office, Chattogram may be summarized as under:

- Administration of the Merchant Shipping ordinance 1983 and the rules framed thereunder from time to time.
- To give rulings and interpretations on provisions of the Merchant Shipping ordinance 1983, Articles of Agreement,
- Arbitration and settlement of problems/dispute between the Shipper and seafarer and Officers and Seafarers on employment and employment related problems often raised by foreign flag vessels owner and Maritime Labour Organization.



SHIPPING MASTER WITH HONORABLE SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF SHIPPING

- Matters relating to employment of Bangladeshi seafarer on foreign flag vessels and to negotiate on terms and conditions therefore with the ranking representative/executives of foreign ship owner and unions visiting Bangladesh.
- Liaison with foreign ship-owners on matters of employment of Bangladeshi seamen on their vessels.
- Preparation and execution of plan for training of fresher seamen in keeping with modern day technological developments and requirements and facilitation for their engagement on different foreign going vessels.
- Maintenance and operation of Seamen's Fund under different heads i.e. 1 Deferred Credit-1 & Gratuity.



Officers & Staffs of Govt. Shipping Office.



SHIPPING MASTER WITH HONORABLE DIRECTOR GENERAL

Function of Shipping Master

Responsible for superintending and facilitating the engagement and discharge of seamen as provided for and in the manner prescribed under Merchant Shipping Ordinance 1983.

- Provide means for securing for presence on board at the proper times of the seamen so engaged
- Ensure regular supply of seamen to National and foreign ships by arranging timely recruitment after reviewing the roster position from time to time.
- Suggest measures to protect the interest of Bangladeshi seamen in respect of wages, provident fund, gratuity and over time money
- Ensure quick payment of balance of wages of the Bangladeshi seamen.
- Inform the Director -General the employment situation from time to time.
- Suggest measures for increased employment of Bangladeshi Seamen.
- Perform any other functions relating to employment of seamen as and when assigned to him by the Director General.
- Make papers and suggest the Director-General on I.L.O./I.M.O. Matters connected with Seafarer.

Function of Deputy Shipping Master

- Assist the Shipping Master in the performance of duties for administration of Merchant Shipping ordinance 1983.
- Sign on the articles of Agreement.
- Sign the Continuous Discharge Certificate (CDC)
- Supervise the Roster arrangements
- Payment of balance of wages.
- Day to day correspondences with owners and other Agencies.