

FAQ's For Deck Cadet.

1. What are the qualifications required to join as a Deck Cadet?

Educational Qualification

For 10+2 Science students: from a recognized Board/University with Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics (PCM), with not less than 65% marks in PCM and aggregate.

OR

For BSc students: With Physics as an individual subject in any one of the years of B.Sc., with not less than 60% marks in the final year of B.Sc., from a recognized University provided that the candidate must have passed 10 + 2 examination with Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics (PCM) from a recognized Board.

OR

For BE/B.Tech Students: or its equivalent degree from I.I.T. or from a college recognized by AICTE/UGC/DEC.

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AND

English: Should have passed with not less than 60% marks in English as a separate subject, at either 10th or 12th standard or in the Degree programme conducted by a recognized Board/University.

Age Limit – Not below 17 years and not more than 25 years at the commencement of course (Course commences on 1st Monday in February and August every year)

Physical and Medical Standards - **Medically fit as per the standards set by Merchant Shipping Medical Examination Rules and eyesight 6/6 in each eye without visual aids, with normal color vision. Go on the website to view the Rules,**

<http://www.dgshipping.com/dgship/final/rules/medicex.htm>

2. What is the best choice, to join after Class XII or graduation?

The Deck Cadet Training programme leads to a diploma and thereafter a BSc degree in Nautical Science on successful completion of the full Cadet Training programme.

After completion of the 1st and 2nd semester in the Pre-sea institute (total 1 year) the candidate is awarded an advanced Diploma in Nautical Science (DNS). He/she then has to complete the remaining 3 semesters (3,4 & 5) as onboard training. During the onboard

training the candidate is given the training material for the Distance Learning Programme, which is to be completed and submitted to the Pre-sea Institute at the completion of each semester.

After the successful completion of all the 3 semesters the candidate has to attend 4 months of college for preparing for their 2nd Mates exams. On clearing the written and oral exams the candidate obtains certificate of competency and is also awarded a BSc degree in Nautical Science by IMU. For more conformation visit <http://www.imu.edu.in>

Since the course itself leads to graduation, it would be best to pursue the course immediately after the 12th std which would give the candidates a head start over the students joining after their graduation.

3. I fulfill the eligibility criteria to join as a Deck Cadet. How do I proceed from here?

- a. Apply online on www.angloeasterncollege.com for the post of Deck Cadet, with Anglo Eastern Ship Management.
- b. The company will invite the applicant to undergo an entrance test provided the applicant fulfills all the qualification criteria set by DG Shipping and the Company as mentioned above.
- c. The applicant undergoes the company selection process which includes an online / written test, a Psychometric evaluation, Interview and Medical Test.
- d. If the applicant is successful in clearing the company's selection process then he is informed that he has to appear for the IMU CET.
- e. On successfully qualifying the IMU entrance test the applicant is advised to undergo a 1 year pre-sea course at the company's institute, Anglo Eastern Maritime Academy.

4. Of the 2 methods described above which one is preferred?

The 1st method is preferred as you are employed by a company before having done the course, and you also have an assurance of a sea berth for completing your training. This is not the case with the 2nd method where you have to look for a job on completion of the course.

In the 1st method you are classified as a sponsored cadet, in the second method you are an un-sponsored cadet.

5. What do you mean by a sponsored candidate?

The term sponsored candidate is used for a candidate who will be sponsored a sea-berth on board a ship on completion of Pre Sea Training. It does not relate to sponsorship of tuition fees at the pre-sea training institute.

A candidate who has met all the qualifying criteria; will be sponsored a sea berth by Anglo-Eastern Ship Management on board one of its large fleet of ships.

Candidates who are still undergoing the company selection process will declare themselves as a non-sponsored candidate in the Form A of the IMU entrance exam. These candidates can later declare themselves as a sponsored candidate if they are selected by Anglo-Eastern.

6. Don't you think the cost of Pre-Sea training is quite high?

You must remember that Pre-Sea training is not subsidized by the government, there are various requirements that have to be considered in order to conduct pre-sea training and the cost of carrying these out is very high and has to be borne by the institute.

7. Are there any education loans available?

Yes, once you have been selected by Anglo-Eastern, we can assist you with the necessary documentation that you would need for the loan. You could thereafter approach a bank of your choice to obtain educational loans at favorable interest rates.

8. Please explain the selection process as a Deck Cadet in Anglo-Eastern?

The Anglo-Eastern Selection process for a Deck Cadet is as follows:

- a. **The Online Test:** - On receiving applications, applicants are contacted and asked to appear for an online entrance test. To book the online test a nominal fee has to be paid. Details of the various modes of payment are mailed to you once we screen your application. The online test is a 3 hour test and comprises of a 2 hours subject based test and a 1 hour Psychometric test.

Question asked in the Online Test – The Online test is based on 10+2 level Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry and English. There is a section on Aptitude and General Knowledge also in the question paper. The Online Test paper is in the form of a Multi Choice Questions. Similarly the Psychometric evaluation requires the candidates to answer Multiple Choice Questions in a specific time period. There is no preparation required for the Psychometric Test, except for good understanding of English.

- b. **The Interview** – Candidates who successfully pass the online test and the psychometric test are called for an interview. The interview is normally held in the either Delhi or Mumbai. Thus candidates have to be ready to travel to the nearest city for the interviews at a short notice.
- c. **The Medical Test** – Candidates who qualify the interview are then asked to undergo a Medical Test through company appointed doctors.
- d. **IMU CET** – It is stipulated by the Govt. of India that all candidates who wish to undergo the Pre Sea Training as a Deck Cadet must appear and pass the IMU Written Test.

On successfully completing the above processes, the candidate is declared to be short listed as a Deck Cadet, subject to successfully clearing the IMU CET. A merit list will then be drawn up and thereafter the selected candidates will be issued a

Letter of having being selected for undergoing the On Board Training after completion of the DNS Programme at the Pre Sea Institute.

9. What is IMU?

The IMU or Indian Maritime University was formed by an Act of Parliament; the headquarters of the University is at Chennai with its campuses at Mumbai, Kolkata Chennai and Vishakhapatnam.

Information about IMU can be obtained from their website www.imu.edu.in

10. What happens after the selection process?

After you have fulfilled and completed all the selection formalities i.e. fulfilling the company and Directorate General of Shipping requirements, you will be directed to undergo a 1 year pre-sea training at Anglo Eastern Maritime Academy, Karjat. The 1 year pre-sea course is a residential course i.e. you will be residing in a hostel inside the campus.

In the 1 year pre-sea course, you will be imparted training in shipping related fields and on general related topics. It is imperative that you pass both the semesters in order to satisfy requirements for going on board ships.

After completion of the 1 year pre-sea training successfully, all your travel document requirements have to be in order before you can be placed on board ship. For this reason you must apply for your passport immediately on selection as a deck cadet.

Once your travel documents are ready, you will be called to attend a briefing session prior proceeding on a ship to undergo the Shipboard Structured Training programme (SSTP). The onboard training period is for 18 months, during this period the company will be paying you a stipend of about USD 400/- per month. Boarding and lodging on board the ship is provided free of charge.

Once you complete the onboard training period of 18 months you will attend a 4-months preparatory course to appear for the II-mates Certificate of Competency examination conducted by the DG shipping, Government of India. Once you qualify in this examination you are eligible to become a third officer of a foreign going ship.

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<http://www.angloeasterncollege.com/contents.php?ACTION=LEFTPANEL&CONTENT=Mg==&SUBLINK=MTg=>

So to recap in order to become an officer onboard a ship you must undergo a 12 month shore based training in a Maritime college, followed by 18 months training onboard ships. Both these trainings have to be completed by a trainee to qualify to appear for the 2nd Mates to become a 3rd Officer.

11. Does the on board training of 18 months have to be completed at a stretch?

No, not in Anglo-Eastern. We believe that a trainee must get an all-round experience on various types of ships. Hence our trainees serve 4-5 months onboard a particular type of

vessel and then come back home for a short vacation before going back on another type of ship for their next assignment.

12. What are cadets? Are they some kind of trainees?

Yes, you are right. Trainees who train in the Deck department to become Navigating Officers are called “Deck Cadets”, similarly trainees in the Engineering department are called “Engine Cadets” or “Junior Engineers”.

13. Do we have to sign a bond?

Anglo-Eastern spends a huge amount of resources in training its Cadets and Junior Engineers so it is only natural for us to expect that the cadets once they become officers stay on with the same company and as Anglo-Eastern trained cadets enjoy benefits of faster promotion and continued employment in the organization with a defined career progression, it is a win-win situation all round.

14. What qualification will I have on completing this course?

On completion of training the candidate is awarded a B.Sc in Nautical Science from IMU and also a 2nd Mates Certificate of Competency from the Govt of India, Ministry of Shipping which qualifies him/her to sail as an officer on board ships.

15. What are the duties of a deck officer on board the ship?

The following are some of the duties and responsibilities of deck officers on board the ship:-

- Navigate the ship from the bridge in watches (shifts) while at sea
- Ensure safety regulations are observed
- Co-ordinate cargo loading and discharge operations
- supervise the maintenance and upkeep of the ship
- Co-ordinate and supervise the activities of the crew
- Follow instructions from the captain with regards to ship operations
- Maintain accurate and up-to-date records of all activities

16. What if I want to give up sailing in the future after becoming a Captain of a ship?

Can I get employment ashore?

There are plenty of jobs available for Captains and Chief engineers ashore in marine related or engineering related fields. These positions carry much prestige and status.

17. How to apply for joining as a Deck Cadet?

Log on to our website <http://www.angloeasterncollege.com> and fill up the application form. On completing the form click submit. You will receive an e-mail confirmation within 48 hours whether your application has been accepted. Further details regarding procedure to book a seat for the online entrance test will be provided in the e-mail.

In case of any doubt or queries, email us at careers.sea@angloeastern.com

or call 022-6112 4433 / 34 / 35

18. Do Anglo Eastern candidates also have to appear for the IMU Test?

Yes the IMU CET is a compulsory entrance test made mandatory by the Government of India for any candidate aspiring to take up a career in the merchant navy.