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Training Circular No. 74 of 2026

Subject: Transitional arrangement for swimming-pool facilities at existing pre-sea Maritime Training Institutes and sharing of facilities within a group under common management – reg.	
References	a. DGS Training Circular No. 04 of 2018 dated 23.01.2018; b. DGS Training Circular No. 07 of 2018 dated 21.03.2018; c. DGS Training Circular No. 06 of 2025 dated 05.02.2025; and d. DGS Training Circular No. 59 of 2025 dated 15.12.2025.

a) Training Circular No. 59 of 2025 prescribes that MTIs conducting Basic Safety Training (BST) and/or Refresher Training in Personal Survival Techniques (PST) shall have their own swimming-pool facility of the prescribed dimensions and discontinue tie-up arrangements beyond 31.12.2025.

b) Representations have been received from existing MTIs, including those under Government, Public Sector and private management, seeking additional time for completion of swimming pool facilities already under construction. Clarifications have also been sought regarding the applicability of paragraph 6(d) of the said Circular to MTIs operated by separate Trusts or Section 8 companies under common management.

c) The matter was considered by the competent Committee, which, after detailed deliberations, recommended a one-time transitional arrangement for existing MTIs that have demonstrably initiated the process of establishing a compliant swimming-pool facility, subject to documentary verification and periodic monitoring. It was further recommended that no such relaxation shall be extended to new MTIs.

d) Accordingly, the following provisions shall apply:

1. Transitional Arrangement for Existing MTIs

1.1 An existing MTI having valid DGMA approval as on 15.12.2025 and having demonstrably initiated the process of establishing a compliant swimming-pool facility may be granted time up to 31.12.2027 to complete construction and obtain approval of the swimming-pool facility from the jurisdictional MMD.

1.2 The MTI shall submit documentary evidence regarding the construction of the swimming-pool facility and its present status to the jurisdictional MMD on or before 30.11.2026.

1.3 The submission shall include, as applicable:

a) proof of ownership, lease or availability of the land/site;

b) approved building/planning drawings;

c) applicable statutory permissions;

d) Consent to Establish, wherever applicable;

e) a time-bound construction schedule indicating completion milestones; and

f) an undertaking/affidavit stating that, if the compliant swimming-pool facility is not completed, inspected and approved by 31.12.2027, the conduct of BST and Refresher PST courses by the MTI shall be discontinued.

1.4 The jurisdictional MMD shall verify the submitted documents, physically assess the progress of construction, and submit its recommendation to DGMA for grant of the transitional arrangement.

1.5 Eligible MTIs shall submit quarterly progress reports, supported by dated photographs and updated construction milestones, to the jurisdictional MMD.

1.6 The swimming pool facility shall be completed, inspected and approved by the jurisdictional MMD on or before 31.12.2027.

1.7 If the swimming pool facility is not completed, inspected and approved by 31.12.2027, the MTI shall cease conducting BST and Refresher PST courses with effect from 01.01.2028 and shall not resume such courses unless and until the prescribed swimming-pool facility is duly completed, inspected and approved.

2. Sharing Facilities within a Group under Common Management

2.1 DGMA-approved MTIs operated by separate registered Trusts or Section 8 companies under common management may share a swimming-pool facility owned or held on registered lease by one of the entities, and such shared use shall not be treated as a tie-up, provided that common management is established through common trustees/directors or control by the same

promoter/managing trustee and supported by the relevant governing documents and resolutions.

2.2 The facility should be adequate for the aggregate approved intake and training schedules of the concerned MTIs. A consolidated timetable for utilisation of the facility shall be uploaded on the e-Governance portal. The entities concerned shall carry out an inter-institute agreement, valid for a minimum period of five years, covering utilisation, maintenance, safety and record-keeping.

2.3 The jurisdictional MMD shall inspect and approve the swimming-pool facility separately for each MTI. Any change in common management, ownership/lease arrangement or the inter-institute agreement shall be reported to the jurisdictional MMD and DGMA within 15 days. Any non-compliance shall result in discontinuation of the sharing arrangement, and the concerned MTI(s) shall make alternative arrangements in accordance with Training Circular No. 59 of 2025.

2.4 Each MTI shall remain responsible for its own training, safety and records. Use of a swimming-pool facility owned or held on lease by an unrelated MTI or external agency shall continue to be treated as a tie-up in accordance with Training Circular No. 59 of 2025.

2.5 The common swimming pool facility may be utilised by all eligible DGMA-approved MTIs within the group for conducting the practical components of their respective DGMA-approved courses for which a swimming pool facility is prescribed.

3. General

3.1 Notwithstanding anything contained in this Circular, the provisions relating to depth-restricted swimming pools under paragraph 3 of DGS Training Circular No. 06 of 2025 shall continue to apply to existing MTIs conducting BST and approved prior to 21.08.2018. In such cases, where the swimming pool has a depth of less than 12 feet, the MTI shall have access to a separate swimming-pool facility having a minimum depth of 12 feet, suitable for conducting the two-metre jump practical, subject to verification and approval by the jurisdictional MMD.

3.2 The requirement stipulated under paragraph 6(f)(v) of DGS Training Circular No. 59 of 2025 regarding maintenance of records for a minimum period of five years shall stand modified only in respect of CCTV footage of the swimming pool area. Accordingly, CCTV footage of the swimming pool area shall be maintained for a minimum period of two years.

3.3 All other provisions relating to swimming pool facilities contained in DGS Training Circular No. 59 of 2025 and the preceding applicable circulars shall remain unchanged and continue to apply.

3.4 The conditions, timelines and consequences specified in this Circular shall apply uniformly to MTIs under Government, Public Sector and private management, as applicable.

3.5 This Circular shall come into force with immediate effect.

3.6 This is issued with the approval of the Competent Authority.



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