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For more than fifteen years, I.M.S.S.E.A. has stood at the crossroads of tradition and innovation, dedicating its mission to shaping the professionals who keep the maritime world moving. The global maritime economy remains one of the fundamental pillars of international prosperity, connecting nations through trade, transport, and shared responsibility. Today, its importance is greater than ever — not only as an engine of growth but as a space where technology, sustainability, and human expertise must converge.

The sea is changing, and so is the way we navigate it. New technologies — from artificial intelligence to digital monitoring systems — are redefining how safety, efficiency, and environmental protection are managed. I.M.S.S.E.A. has always recognized that progress must go hand in hand with responsibility. For this reason, environmental protection and the sustainable use of ocean resources are at the very heart of our educational philosophy. We believe that excellence in maritime training means preparing professionals to innovate while safeguarding the planet that sustains us.

Over the past decade and a half, I.M.S.S.E.A. has built a reputation for delivering world-class training grounded in international standards, guided by a faculty of outstanding experts, and supported by a truly global community of learners. Our courses are more than lessons — they are meeting points where cultures, experiences, and ideas from every corner of the world come together to build a safer, smarter, and greener maritime future.

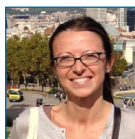
Listening has always been our compass. The present updated and enriched 2026 course catalogue reflects I.M.S.S.E.A.'s ongoing commitment to respond to the real needs of the maritime sector — integrating the evolving expectations of administrations, organizations, and professionals worldwide. By aligning our educational offer with the demands of the market and the imperatives of sustainability, we reaffirm our mission: to connect knowledge, innovation, and responsibility across the oceans.



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COURSE MODES

I.M.S.S.E.A. articulates its course offer in two different modes, in order to meet as much people's availability and needs as possible.



FIXED MODE

The courses in fixed mode are delivered in specific dates and at a specific place (I.M.S.S.E.A. training seat, in Italy). They are set to start only when the minimum participants intake (12 people) is reached within a specific deadline. The price of fixed mode courses never includes accommodation, meals and travel costs coverage.



FLEXIBLE MODE

The courses in flexible mode are delivered on demand in dates and places agreed with the client. I.M.S.S.E.A. is available to organize its training wherever and whenever the minimum participants intake (12 people) is reached for a specific course.

A course can be delivered both in fixed and in flexible mode.

Apply to the waiting list for the course of your interest at I.M.S.S.E.A. website: <https://www.imssea.org>

Check out the fixed/flexible icon in each course description to find the one that best suits your needs!



FLAG STATE IMPLEMENTATION

Duration: 10 days (6 hours per day)

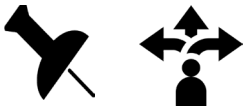
Venue: I.M.S.S.E.A. training premise

Scheduled: 13th to 23rd October 2026

Deadline for submission: 6th June 2026

Minimum intake: 12 participants

Maximum intake: 20 participants



COURSE AIMS

This course, based on IMO model course 3.22, is intended to provide officers of the Maritime Administration with information on the different obligations and duties of the flag State as required by the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS). It describes how the flag State Administration would effectively discharge such obligations and duties. The course also covers the international standards and obligations originated from IMO Conventions and other mandatory instruments.

The course programme includes procedures from IMO Instruments Implementation Code (III Code), with particular reference to the implementation and enforcement of relevant IMO Conventions and Codes and other international mandatory instruments such as SOLAS, MARPOL, MLC 2006, the ISM Code, the ISPS Code, the STCW Code, the Casualty Investigation Code and other instruments related to flag State implementation, including UNCLOS.



COURSE OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of the course, the participants should have developed familiarity with IMO Conventions and other relevant international mandatory instruments, acquired the knowledge and skills necessary to carry out the duties imposed upon a maritime administration effectively, and ensured their understanding of the different tasks that contribute in the full implementation of the applicable rules and regulations.

TARGET GROUP

The course is open to officers from maritime administrations and port authorities who have responsibility for the enforcement of maritime legislation, or those who may be planning to undertake such responsibilities.

ENTRY STANDARDS

A good working knowledge of the English language is required.



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PORT STATE CONTROL

Duration: 10 days (6 hours per day)

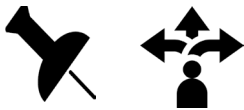
Venue: I.M.S.S.E.A. training premise

Scheduled: 13th to 23rd October 2026

Deadline for submission: 6th June 2025

Minimum intake: 12 participants

Maximum intake: 20 participants



COURSE AIMS

This course, based on IMO Model Course 3.09, is designed for Government technical officials, particularly ship surveyors, masters, chief officers, chief and second engineers, who are authorized or to be authorized by their relevant Governments to execute port State control (PSC) in accordance with the relevant provisions of IMO conventions. The course presents a comprehensive introduction to relevant IMO instruments, focuses on port State control procedures and practices and emphasizes the harmonization of PSC activities worldwide in order that the participant will be capable of carrying out PSC inspections including, inter alia, verifying ships' certificates, identifying deficiencies, preparing PSC reports and reporting to concerned parties while ensuring that the ships are in compliance with the provisions of relevant international maritime conventions, ships' officers are properly certified and that the safety management system and ship's security requirements are correctly applied and implemented.



COURSE OBJECTIVES

Participants who successfully complete the course will be in a position to:

- emphasize the responsibility of the flag State to exercise control over its ships and explain the role of a port State in supplementing such control;
- identify and use the legal instruments available for port State control; and
- identify and properly report deficiencies to the flag and to IMO, as appropriate.

TARGET GROUP

The course is open to government technical officials from maritime administrations who have responsibility for the control of foreign ships in their territorial waters or to those who may be planning to undertake such responsibilities subject to confirmation from their nominating authority.

ENTRY STANDARDS

A good working knowledge of the English language is required.



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MARINE ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION PROCEDURE

Duration: 10 days (6 hours per day)

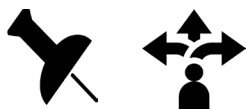
Venue: I.M.S.S.E.A. headquarter

Scheduled: 3^{re} to 13th November 2026

Deadline for submission: 6th July 2026

Minimum intake: 12 participants

Maximum intake: 20 participants



COURSE AIMS

This intensive course, based on IMO Model course 3.11, is aimed at assisting the national marine accident investigation authorities in ensuring uniformity and consistency when carrying out investigations into marine casualties and incidents. The course addresses the effective implementation of the provisions of SOLAS regulations I/21 and XI-1/6 and the related IMO Casualty Investigation Course. The course provides insight into what is required when conducting casualty investigations, supporting the investigator in the field and what an investigation should achieve. After a review of the international background relating to the investigation of marine accidents and incidents, the course addresses the procedures required to support a marine casualty investigation in accordance with IMO requirements. Techniques for collecting, analyzing and reporting are explained together with follow-up actions. Extensive use is made of group activities involving case studies and role play.



COURSE OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of the course, participants should have acquired the knowledge and skills necessary to organize and conduct investigations into marine casualties and incidents in accordance with generally accepted international standards and practices.

TARGET GROUP

The course is open to Government technical officials from maritime administrations and marine investigative bodies responsible for the investigation of marine casualties and incidents or who may be planning to undertake such responsibilities subject to confirmation from their nominating authority.

ENTRY STANDARDS

A good working knowledge of the English language is required.



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I.S.P.S. CODE

Duration: 10 days (6 hours per day)

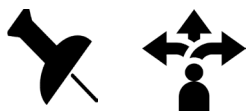
Venue: I.M.S.S.E.A. headquarter

Scheduled: 3rd to 13th November 2026

Deadline for submission: 06th July 2026

Minimum intake: 12 participants

Maximum intake: 20 participants



COURSE AIMS

This course, based on IMO model courses 3.20, 3.21 and 3.24, as integrated by “Guide to Maritime Security and the ISPS Code” (2012 Edition), is designed for maritime security, coastguard and law enforcement specialists and aims to encourage the sharing of experiences of the application of ISPS Code requirements and related procedures and methods. The training focuses on the difficulties encountered by States when implementing the ISPS Code and the identification of possible solutions to these challenges. The course will cover all relevant measures aimed at enhancing ship and port facility security in the face of threats posed by intentional unlawful acts. Security requirements, as adopted by IMO, will be analyzed as well as the requirements for setting up national maritime security measures. The course will also address the preparation and assessment of security plans for ships and ports and includes field trips on board ships and in port terminals.



COURSE OBJECTIVES

Participants who successfully complete the course will receive a comprehensive grounding in maritime security planning and a thorough understanding of current threats, including those related to piracy.

TARGET GROUP

The course is open to Government officials from maritime administrations and port authorities who have responsibility for the enforcement of maritime security legislation or who may be planning to undertake such responsibilities subject to confirmation from their nominating authority.

PRE-REQUISITES

A good working knowledge of the English language is required.



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SHIP CONDITION SURVEYOR

Duration: 5 days (6 hours per day)

Venue: On demand - Everywhere in the world

Minimum intake: 12 participants

Maximum intake: 25 participants



COURSE AIMS

This course will provide participants with a range of practical advices on planning and preparing for ship surveys, in connection with the actions to be taken during the process.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Preparation for a survey: this includes scheduling the survey within the survey scope and that all necessary documents are held onboard. Clarification of what has to be done during the survey: ensuring that all relevant personnel are available, are aware of the key survey areas and know how to deal with questions

Actions to be taken as a survey follow up: learning what actions are needed to cope with possible shortcomings.

At the end of this course participants will be able to schedule, plan and prepare for a survey. They will have the skill to interpret survey requirements and recognize what can and cannot be done within the Rules of Classification and Statutory Regulations, in order to identify Port State Control issues and the consequences of ship detention.



TARGET GROUP

This course is suited to superintendents, ship officers and other marine personnel involved in the preparation for and execution of ship surveys.



ENTRY STANDARDS

The course targets either new entrants to the shipping industry or professional staff in shipping companies, ship brokers, port agencies, insurance inspectors, banks and similar organizations with the goal to gain a valuable understanding of either customers roles and responsibilities. On the other hand, it is also addressed to mariners, officers or marine engineers who want to have a powerful tool for mastering marine survey techniques.

CLASS SETTING

Participants will be received in a traditional classroom equipped with all the technological means that allow the information to be delivered in a professional manner. Different methods will also be adopted, ranging from traditional lectures, workgroups and case studies.

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RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATIONS

Duration: 5 days (6 hours per day)

Venue: On demand - Everywhere in the world

Minimum intake: 10 participants

Maximum intake: 25 participants



COURSE AIMS

Assisting the Administrations in meeting their responsibilities in recognizing, authorizing and monitoring their recognized organizations in line with the recognized Organizations Code (MSC .349 (92).

COURSE OBJECTIVES

The objective of this training is to provide Flag States with a standard that will assist in achieving harmonized and consistent global implementation of requirements established by the instrument of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) for the



assessment and authorization of recognized organizations (ROs), an harmonized, transparent and independent mechanisms, which can assist in the consistent oversight of ROs in an efficient and effective manner; and clarifies the responsibilities of organizations authorized as ROs for a flag State and overall scope of authorization.



TARGET GROUP

The training is addressed to:

- RO personnel involved in compliance and certification.
- Flag State maritime authorities
- Maritime auditors and inspectors.
- Port State Control officers.
- Maritime administrators and policymakers.

ENTRY STANDARDS

Participants should have should have demonstrable auditing skills and techniques, as for example obtained from a management system auditor training course, International Safety Management (ISM) Code and have a good knowledge of the function of a maritime Administration.

CLASS SETTING

The training course is a combination of lectures and practical exercises covering the responsibilities of IMO Member States when entrusting an RO to act on their behalf. Set up desks in a U-shape so that participants face one another and the front of the classroom. This shape allows participants to easily engage with the lecturer and each other.

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IMSAS PREPARATION AND CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN

Duration: 5 days (6 hours per day) every level

Venue: On demand - Everywhere in the world

Minimum intake: 12 participants

Maximum intake: 25 participants



COURSE AIMS

The course aims to equip qualified officials from IMO Member States with the auditing knowledge and skills to assist in ensuring the effective implementation of the applicable IMO instruments and to assist Member States in improving their capabilities.





COURSE OBJECTIVES

The objective of this training is to develop specific skills in auditing Member States using the IMO Instruments Implementation (III) Code as the audit standard, and to prepare the country to undergo the audit by carrying out internal audits.

TARGET GROUP

The training is addressed to Member States officials who are or will be appointed to represent their organizations during the IMSAS audit. It includes information on the background and the latest developments, the framework and procedures for the audit scheme, an overview of functions and responsibilities, preparation for the audit, as well as the necessary post audit actions.

ENTRY STANDARDS

Participants should have a basic knowledge of the function of a Maritime Administration and familiar with the IMO mandatory instruments provisions applied on ships.

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FAMILIARIZATION TO S.T.C.W.

Duration: 3 days (6 hours per day)

Venue: On demand - Everywhere in the world

Minimum intake: 12 participants

Maximum intake: 25 participants



COURSE AIMS

This course provides participants with a practical introduction to the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW) and its associated Code.



COURSE OBJECTIVES

The objective of this course is to provide participants with a thorough understanding of the principles and requirements of the STCW Convention and Code.

Upon completion, participants will be able to identify the main com-



ponents of the Convention, understand the roles and responsibilities of the parties involved in its implementation, and apply the knowledge gained to ensure compliance with international standards of maritime training, certification, and watchkeeping.

TARGET GROUP

The target group for this training course will be personnel from Maritime Administrations of STCW Parties who are responsible for effective implementation of the STCW Convention, 1978, as amended. In particular, their responsibilities should include ensuring of compliance with regulations I/7 and I/8 by their Administration.

ENTRY STANDARDS

Participants should have a full understanding of the requirements and standards of the STCW Convention and STCW Code, be conversant with the implementation of all provisions of the Convention, have at least three years experience in the implementation of the STCW Convention, and they should be proficient in the English language to gain the full benefit of this course.

CLASS SETTING

This is an intensive and interactive course in a face to face classroom setting. Attendees will be expected to fully participate in the activities of the course which will include role play and exercises as deemed necessary by IMSSEA and the lecturer. Participants will be required to bring their own copy of the STCW Convention (eCopy preferred) and their own Laptop/Tablet PC using Microsoft Office.

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FAMILIARIZATION TO M.L.C.

Duration: 3 days (6 hours per day)

Venue: On demand - Everywhere in the world

Minimum intake: 12 participants

Maximum intake: 25 participants



COURSE AIMS

This course provides participants with a comprehensive introduction to the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 (MLC, 2006), known as the “seafarers’ bill of rights.”



COURSE OBJECTIVES

The objective of this course is to provide participants with the knowledge and understanding necessary to interpret and apply the provisions of the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 (MLC, 2006). Upon completion, participants will be able to:



- Identify the main structure, principles, and key requirements of the Convention;
- Understand the respective responsibilities of seafarers, shipowners, and flag States under MLC, 2006;
- Recognize the procedures for certification, inspection, and enforcement of compliance;
- Promote and uphold decent working and living conditions for seafarers in accordance with international maritime labour standards.

TARGET GROUP

The participant must preferably be employed or intending to be employed in the maritime sector, such as shipboard officers and crew, shipowners' representatives, manning agents, port State or flag State inspectors, or personnel from maritime training institutions.

ENTRY STANDARDS

Every participant might have a general secondary education or equivalent level is desirable and the ability to participate actively in discussions and group exercises; openness to learning about international maritime conventions and standards. No formal maritime certification is required. Some familiarity with maritime operations, shipboard life, or maritime regulatory frameworks is beneficial but not mandatory. Good command of written and spoken English, sufficient to follow technical presentations and participate in discussions, is mandatory.

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ISM Code

Duration: 3 days (6 hours per day)

Venue: On demand - Everywhere in the world

Minimum intake: 12 participants

Maximum intake: 25 participants



COURSE AIMS

This course provides participants with a comprehensive understanding of the International Safety Management (ISM) Code, its objectives, principles, and practical application in the safe operation of ships and the prevention of pollution.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

The objective of this course is to provide participants with the knowledge and understanding necessary to interpret and apply the provisions of the International Safety Management (ISM) Code effectively. Upon completion of the course, participants will be able to:

- Explain the purpose, scope, and principles of the ISM Code;
- Understand the functional requirements of a Safety Management System (SMS) and its documentation;
- Identify the roles and responsibilities of company and shipboard personnel in achieving safety and pollution prevention objectives;



- Describe the processes for internal audits, external verification, and certification under the ISM Code;
- Recognize the importance of a positive safety culture, effective communication, and continuous improvement in safety management.



TARGET GROUP

There are no strict prerequisites for attending this course; however, it is recommended for individuals with a general understanding of maritime operations or safety management practices.

The course is suitable for shipboard officers, company safety and quality personnel, Designated Persons Ashore (DPAs), port and flag State officers, and others involved in the implementation or oversight of the ISM Code.

ENTRY STANDARDS

Participants must have a good command of the English language, sufficient to follow lectures and participate in discussions.

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