



*Training Course:
International Safety Management Code and
Designated Person Ashore*

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Introduction

The [International Safety Management ISM Code](#), established by the International Maritime Organization, provides a global framework for the safe management and operation of ships and for pollution prevention. A key pillar of the ISM framework is the role of the [Designated Person Ashore DPA](#), who serves as the critical link between ship and shore, ensuring effective implementation of the Safety Management System SMS and continuous compliance with international standards.

This program, developed by [Global Horizon Training Center](#), equips participants with the knowledge, skills, and practical tools required to implement and manage ISM Code requirements effectively, with a special focus on the strategic and operational responsibilities of the DPA.

Participants will gain practical insights into safety management systems, risk control, auditing, incident management, and leadership in maritime safety, enabling them to enhance operational performance and safety culture within their organizations.

Course Objectives

By the end of this program, participants will be able to:

- Understand the structure and requirements of the ISM Code
- Define and perform the roles and responsibilities of the DPA
- Develop, implement, and maintain Safety Management Systems SMS
- Monitor ship operations and ensure compliance with safety standards
- Conduct internal audits and safety inspections
- Manage incident reporting and root cause analysis
- Promote safety culture and continuous improvement
- Ensure effective communication between ship and shore

Target Audience

This program is designed for:

- Designated Person Ashore DPA candidates
- Ship Management and Fleet Personnel
- Marine Superintendents and Technical Managers
- Safety and Compliance Managers
- Ship Masters and Senior Officers
- Maritime Authority and Regulatory Personnel

Outline

Day 1: ISM Code Framework and DPA Responsibilities

- Overview of ISM Code objectives and principles
- Structure of the Safety Management System SMS
- Roles and responsibilities of company and ship personnel
- Role of the Designated Person Ashore DPA
- Ship-shore communication and reporting lines

Day 2: Safety Management Systems SMS Development and Implementation

- Designing and structuring SMS documentation
- Safety policies, procedures, and operational controls
- Training, competency, and awareness requirements
- Monitoring and reporting systems
- Case studies on SMS implementation

Day 3: Risk Management and Incident Control

- Hazard identification and risk assessment techniques
- Developing safe operating procedures
- Incident reporting and investigation processes
- Root cause analysis methodologies
- Emergency preparedness and response planning

Day 4: Audits, Compliance, and Performance Monitoring

- Internal and external audits under ISM Code
- Preparing for inspections and certification
- Managing non-conformities and corrective actions
- Performance monitoring and KPIs
- Continuous improvement practices

Day 5: Leadership, Communication, and Safety Culture

- Leadership role of the DPA in safety management
- Promoting safety culture across the organization
- Effective communication between ship and shore
- Lessons learned and knowledge sharing
- Final workshop: Developing an SMS improvement plan

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