



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

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Introduction

The [International Safety Management ISM Code](#), developed by the [International Maritime Organization IMO](#), establishes an international standard for the safe management and operation of ships and for pollution prevention. A critical element of the ISM framework is the role of the [Designated Person Ashore DPA](#), who serves as the key link between ship and shore, ensuring effective implementation of the Safety Management System SMS.

This program, developed by [Global Horizon Training Center](#), is designed to provide participants with a comprehensive understanding of the ISM Code and the strategic and operational responsibilities of the DPA. It focuses on safety management systems, risk control, compliance, auditing, and continuous improvement.

Participants will gain practical knowledge and tools to effectively fulfill the DPA role, enhance safety performance, and ensure compliance with international maritime regulations.

Course Objectives

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

- Understand the structure and requirements of the ISM Code
- Define the roles and responsibilities of the Designated Person Ashore DPA
- Develop, implement, and maintain Safety Management Systems SMS
- Monitor ship operations and ensure compliance with safety standards
- Conduct internal audits and inspections
- Manage incident reporting and investigation processes
- 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 Role

- Introduction to ISM Code principles and objectives
- Structure of the Safety Management System SMS
- Roles and responsibilities of the company and ship personnel
- Role of the Designated Person Ashore DPA
- Communication between ship and shore

Day 2: Safety Management Systems SMS Implementation

- Developing and maintaining SMS
- Safety policies and procedures
- Operational control and documentation
- Training and competency requirements
- Monitoring and reporting systems

Day 3: Risk Management and Incident Control

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

Day 4: Audits, Compliance, and Performance Monitoring

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

Day 5: Leadership, Communication, and Safety Culture

- Promoting safety culture within organizations
- Leadership role of the DPA
- Effective communication and reporting
- Lessons learned and knowledge sharing
- Final workshop: Developing an SMS improvement plan

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