

Declaration of competent persons under Regulation 2(d) of the Dock Workers (Safety, Health & Welfare) Regulations, 1990

1. Approval of competency

- (a) The approval and declaration of '*competent person*' under Regulation 2(d) of the Dock Workers (Safety, Health and Welfare) Regulations, 1990 for the purpose of testing, examination or annealing and certification and certification of lifting appliances, loose gears or wire ropes are accorded by the Dock Safety (Head Quarters), DGFASLI, Mumbai.
- (b) All applications for approval of competent person and renewal of competency shall be submitted to the following address directly in the prescribed format (in duplicate) duly completed in all respect along with all required supporting documents.

The Chief Inspector of Dock Safety (CIDS)
Directorate General Factory Advice Service and
Labour Institutes(DGFASLI),
CLI Building, N.S. Mankikar Marg
Sion, Mumbai – 400 022
Maharashtra

Self Certified Copies of the following documents are to be submitted along with the application:

- (a) Age proof certificate and two passport size photographs.
- (b) Certificates of qualifications claimed.
- (c) Experience Certificates, for each of the periods of experience mentioned in the application.
- (d) Valid Calibration Certificates* of testing instruments
- (e) Recent Weigh Bridge Certificates in case of dead weights
- (f) Competency Certificates granted/issued under the statutes mentioned at item (17) of the Application Form

*The calibration certificate shall be obtained from an accredited organisation/laboratory with the validity of minimum one year thus covering the entire period of competency.

The prescribed application forms are available in the DGFASLI website at www.dgfasli.gov.in.

- (c) Incomplete applications or applications not meeting the eligibility criteria shall be rejected.
- (d) Applications shall be scrutinized by the Dock Safety Division(Head Quarters), DGFASLI, Mumbai. Inspection of the testing facilities shall be done by a team comprising of a minimum two members as approved by the competent authority to ascertain the adequacy, working conditions upkeepment/maintenance of the testing facilities and record of calibration certificate. Accordingly he shall submit an inspection report to Dock Safety Division(Head Quarters), DGFASLI along with specific recommendations.
- (e) On receipt of the satisfactory inspection report from the inspector of Dock Safety, the eligible applicant/candidate shall be called for written test and technical interview at the head quarter (i.e. DGFASLI, Mumbai)in case of first time application(new case).
- (f) The question paper shall comprise of objective and descriptive questions and shall be prepared and evaluated/examined by the officer who shall be nominated/approved by the competent authority. The passing marks in written test shall be more than 50% of the total marks. A committee shall be constituted by the competent authority to hold the technical interview for the assessment of the candidate. The date, time and venue for written test and technical interview shall be intimated to the candidate/applicant in advance.
- (g) Based on the satisfactory performance by securing a minimum marks of 50 out of 100 or more in the technical interview, the applicant, who shall secure the passing marks in written test, shall be recommended for grant of competency by the said committee.
- (h) Based on approval of the recommendation(s) made by the committee in respect of successful candidate/applicant in both written test and technical interview, the competency order shall be issued to the concerned person to declare him/her as competent person for the port and period specified in the order on certain terms and conditions stipulated in the said competency order.
- (i) The validity of the initial competency granted shall be for a period of one year from the date of issue of order.

2. Renewal of competency

- (a) The competent person desiring to seek renewal shall apply atleast 60 days before the expiry of his/her competency.

- (b) On receipt of application for renewal the process/procedure as stipulated under **para 1(d)** shall be followed.
- (c) On receipt of satisfactory inspection report, the candidate/applicant shall be called for technical interview at DGFASLI, Mumbai. For this, a committee shall be constituted by the competent authority to hold the technical interview for the assessment of the candidate. The date, time and venue for technical interview shall be intimated to the candidates/applicant in advance.
- (d) Based on the satisfactory performance by securing a minimum marks of 50 out of 100 or more in the technical interview, the applicant shall be recommended by the committee for the grant of renewal of competency.
- (e) Based on approval of the recommendation(s) made by the committee in respect of successful candidate/applicant in technical interview, the competency order shall be issued to the concerned person to declare him/her as competent person for the port and period specified in the order on certain terms and conditions stipulated in the said competency order.
- (f) Renewal of competency shall be granted for a period of two years from the date of issue of order.

3. Age, Qualification, Experience and Facilities of competent person.

The revised age, qualification, experience and facilities shall be as under:-

Age:

Competent person shall not be above the age of 65 years.

Qualification:

(a) A degree/diploma in Mechanical or Electrical or Marine or Metallurgical Engineering or their allied branches or its equivalent from a recognized University.

Experience:

(i) A minimum experience of 7 years for above degree in engineering and 10 years for above diploma in engineering, in the following areas :

(a) Design or erection or maintenance; or

(b) Testing, examination and inspection of lifting machinery, chains, ropes and lifting tackles.

(ii) he shall be :

(a) well conversant with current relevant code of practices and test

procedures.

- (b) conversant with fracture mechanics and metallurgy of the material of construction.
- (c) conversant with heat treatment/stress relieving techniques as applicable to stress bearing components and part of lifting machinery and lifting tackles.
- (d) capable of identifying defects and arriving at reliable conclusion with regards to the safety of lifting machinery, chains , ropes and lifting tackles .

Testing facilities:

Facilities for load testing , tensile testing, heat treatment , equipment / gadgets for measurement, gauges and such other equipment to determine the safe working conditions of the lifting appliances and loose gears.

4. Medical Examination

Applicant/candidate shall have to undergo medical examination by the empanelled doctor of DGFASLI or medical officer of the port trust hospital of the concerned port at the time of application for grant/renewal of competency.

5. The procedure for issuance of special permission orders.

Under specific circumstances, the Competent Authority shall issue special permission to the competent person to carry out specific test & examination in the specified port..

Where competent person for specific purpose is not available at that port, the competent person who is declared for specific purpose like testing and examination of lifting appliances and loose gears **including container spreaders** to go to other major ports and other ports[as defined under Section 2(a) of the Dock Workers(Safety, Health and Welfare) Act, 1986], to carry out the specific task of testing and examination of container spreaders subject to availability of necessary testing and other facilities at the ports concerned,etc., only after obtaining a prior written permission in this regard.
