

RPSL (Seafarer Recruitment) Licence Guide

Maritime, Shipping & Ports

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This guide explains what the tool produces, how to use the output, and what to watch for. The actual output (draft/report) is generated on the tool page.

Background

Explains the Recruitment and Placement of Seafarers Licence (RPSL) from DG Shipping — eligibility, bank guarantee, infrastructure, MLC compliance and the process — for a crewing or manning agency. Use it before recruiting or placing seafarers.

Purpose of this tool & output

Get an RPSL for crewing / manning

How the output is used

Use it to get an RPSL for crewing and manning — the Recruitment and Placement of Seafarers Licence a manning agency must hold.

Who receives it

The RPSL is issued by the Directorate General of Shipping (DG Shipping) under the MLC-aligned recruitment rules.

How to submit / file it

Apply to DG Shipping with the company, office, financial-guarantee and system documents; on scrutiny and compliance with the manning rules, the RPSL is granted.

Fees & charges

A DG Shipping RPSL fee and the cost of the required financial guarantee/insurance; the licence is periodically renewed.

Who should vet it

DG Shipping, which grants and audits the RPSL for compliance with seafarer-recruitment norms.

Important cautions

RPSL requirements, bank guarantee and MLC obligations are specific and enforced and charging seafarers recruitment fees is prohibited. Confirm the current requirements with DG Shipping and comply strictly with MLC seafarer protections.

Companion documents

- Maritime Approvals Roadmap
- Ship Registration (Indian Flag) Guide
- DG Shipping Approvals & Certificates Guide
- Port & Maritime Board Permissions Guide
- IMO Convention Compliance Guide
- Customs & Cabotage Compliance Guide

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