

Merchant Navy jobs in Pakistan

Merchant Navy Pakistan is an attractive and romantic profession for the youth. Pakistan is a developing country and its economy is growing rapidly. With this pace of growth in the economy, it is predicated that in the near future **Merchant Navy jobs in Pakistan** for the youth will be increased.

Thus the growth of a viable national shipping industry depends upon the availability of trained and qualified manpower. According to a survey today, in Pakistan there are more than 20 thousands officers of Merchant Navy in Pakistan. 15 to 20 percent of this ratio is performing their duty on Pakistani ships while 40 to 45 percent are employed with foreign shipping agencies. Rest of the 40 percent official are jobless. For the time being, this trend shows that the situation of jobs in this field is poor. But it does not mean that this will last for long. Middle Eastern countries like Iran, Kuwait, U.A.E and Saudi Arabia offer excellent job opportunities to Pakistani Officers. Career opportunities in Europe are also attract Pakistan professionals.

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In this profession officers are to work different kind of duties. There are two branches for officers to work namely Deck Branch and [Engineering Branch](#). Deck Branch officers are responsible to sail the ship safe and sound monitor the loading and unloading of cargo and take care of ship. Obtaining information about the shipping traffic, dangers of this field and gaining information about weather are includes in the duties of the deck officers.

[Engineer Branch](#) officers are responsible to run the machines and equipments of the ship. They take care of the engines. All the engineers and other relevant staff work under the guidance of the Chief Engineer who is the chief of the engineering branch. Engineers' duties include taking care of Diesel Engine, Steam Engine, Electric Generator, Electrical Installation, air conditioning plant, Pumps, Plumbing, Cairns, and Equipment relating to steering, commercial cargo.

Working Condition:

Professionals in this field have to remain out sides from their home to perform their duties and ship is their home as well as work place. A sea voyage can be of six month duration and some time more than six year. Normally the lodging and boarding facilities are excellent. Some shipping companies allow keeping wife and children with oneself. But this facility is offered only to the officers.

How to Join Merchant Navy Pakistan:

Merchant Navy Courses in Pakistan. Officially there are only two Organization which impart training in this field namely

- Pakistan Marine Academy
- Karachi Port Trust

Merchant Navy courses Offered:

- B.Sc (Maritime Studies)

Eligibility:

This Course begins each year in the first week of January. Applicants for this Course are required to fulfill the following conditions for admission:

Higher Secondary School (Pre-Engineering) with second division

Students of Science, General Group (with Physics and Computer Science) are also eligible to apply for Nautical Branch only.

Students who have passed any equivalent examination are also acceptable, provided the University of Karachi recognizes their qualification as equivalent to the Higher Secondary School (F.Sc/Intermediate) Certificate.

Age:

Not more than 20 years on 31st December of the year in which applying. (Relaxable by one year for those belonging to FATA/FANA and Azad Kashmir)

They must be medically fit. Medical examination will be conducted in Military Hospitals designated by the Academy. In addition, the applicants shall be required to pass the "visual and colour perception test", from the Mercantile Marine Department, Karachi, after final selection. Failures of this test will not be eligible for admission in PMA.

Training Stages:

Having completed two years training in Pakistan Marine Academy, a cadet from any branch has to complete further training on ship.

1. Nautical Branch

Nautical Certificate holder is offered training opportunity as Deck Cadet. He has to complete 33 month of training. In the last six month of the training, it is imperative for a cadet to perform watch keeping under a certified officer. Having completed this training, a cadet become eligible to participate in the Certificate of Competency class IV examination and can get promoted to 3rd Officer after getting through this examination. For participating in 3rd level examination, further six month watch keeping experience on the deck is necessary. Passing this exam a cadet is promoted to Second Officer. 2nd level examination is for Chief Officer Slot and only those cadets who have successfully completed eighteen months of watch keeping experience as 2nd officer can participate in this examination. The captain post in a ship is the highest one. A cadet must have successfully completed 42 months of watch keeping experience for becoming eligible for level one examination. Cadet who gets through this examination becomes the captain of the ship.

2. Engineering Branch

Those cadets who successfully have completed two years of engineering education in Pakistan Marine Academy have to complete a further practical training of three years in a navel engineering workshop as a marine engineer apprentice. Having successfully complete this training period he becomes eligible for the 2nd level part I examination which is called Certificate of Competency class II part I examination. He is posted as fifth engineer or junior engineer after this examination. A cadet can appear in the examination for 4th and 3rd level after a prescribed period of experience and eligibility respectively. Further watch keeping experience of 18 to 21 month enables a cadet to participate in the 2nd level part II examination for the post of second engineer. For becoming a chief engineer of the ship a cadet must complete a further period of 18 to 21 month of watch keeping experience in the engine room. After that he becomes eligible to participate in the 1st level examination. Chief engineer is the highest post in the engineering branch of a ship.

Salaries and remunerations in Merchant Navy in Pakistan:

Salaries of the Dec (Nautical) and engineering branch officers are normally fixed according to the size and cargo handling facility of the ship. Pakistan National shipping Corporation is the largest Organisation of shipping in Pakistan. Salaries are normally very attractive and different allowances including dirty cargo allowance, tanker allowance and container ship allowance etc., and remunerations are offered to the officers.

Further information:

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