

Merchant Navy



Summary

This is the most lucrative career for those who love ships and travelling, and don't wish to hold a 9 to 5 desk job. A career in the merchant navy involves trading in commercial items like live stocks, liquid cargo, general cargo, oil tankers, chemical tankers and the like all over the world via sea-routes. As a result of this, it is considered as the backbone of international trade. This also serves as the difference between Merchant Navy and Indian Navy where the latter is engaged in defending the nation with its naval power. Those in the Merchant Navy get the opportunity to explore and get themselves acquainted with different locations, people and their culture. Though the career offers high remunerations, it is a tough job as one has to stay at sea for months at a time. In spite of this, a career in the Merchant Navy is considered to be a highly satisfying one, especially if one is interested in travelling all around the world.



Career Opportunities in Merchant Navy

Deck Department
Engine Department
Architecture Department
Catering Department



How to Pursue a Career in Merchant Navy?

	Stream	Graduation	After Graduation	After Post Graduation
Path 1	Clear Class XII in Science Stream (with Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics)	Pursue B.Sc in Nautical Science/ Marine Catering	Pursue M.Sc in Nautical Science/ Marine Catering	-
Path 2	Clear Class XII in Science Stream (with Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics)	Pursue B.Tech in Marine Engineering	Pursue M.Tech(Marine Engineering) or M.B.A (Shipping and Logistics)	-



Important Facts

- Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics with 60% aggregate.
- 50% in English are mandatory.
- There are medical standards to be met as well.



Top Merchant Navy Institutes in India

College	Location	Website
Indian Maritime University	Multiple Campuses	http://www.imu.edu.in/ Copy
International Maritime Institute, Greater Noida	Greater Noida	http://www.imi.edu.in Copy
Delhi Academy of Merchant Navy	New Delhi	http://www.delhiacademy.in/ Copy
Neotia Institute of Technology Management and Science	Kolkata	http://nitmas.edu.in/ Copy
R.L. Institute of Nautical Sciences	Madurai	http://rlins.edu.in/new/ Copy
Vels University	Chennai	http://www.velsuniv.ac.in/ Copy
Coimbatore Marine College	Coimbatore	http://cmcmarine.in/ Copy
International Maritime Academy	Chennai	http://www.imauniv.in/ Copy
Cochin University of Science and Technology (CUSAT)	Cochin	http://www.cusat.ac.in Copy
Haldia Institute of Maritime Studies and Research	West Bengal	www.himsar.net/ Copy
AMET University (Academy of Maritime Education and Training)	Kanathur, Chennai	http://www.ametuniv.ac.in Copy

College	Location	Website
Department of Marine Science, Goa University	Goa	https://www.unigoa.ac.in/contentarticledisp.php?id=51 Copy
Department of Marine Science, Bhavnagar University	Gujarat	https://www.mkbhavuni.edu.in/mkbhavuniweb/marine-science-dept.php Copy
School of Marine Sciences, Bharatidasan University	Tamil Nadu	http://www.bdu.ac.in/schools/marine_sciences/marine_science/ Copy
Institute for Ocean Management, Anna University	Tamil Nadu	https://www.annauniv.edu/iom/home.htm Copy

Top Merchant Navy Institutes in the World

College	Location	Website
Massachusetts Maritime Academy	United States	https://www.maritime.edu Copy
South Tyneside College	United Kingdom	http://www.stc.ac.uk Copy
Webb Institute	United States	http://www.webb.edu Copy
California Maritime Academy	United States	https://www.csum.edu/web/mycampus/home Copy
Maine Maritime Academy	United States	http://mainemaritime.edu Copy



Merchant Navy Entrance Exams

Undergraduate

College	Tentative Date	Important Elements	Website
Indian Maritime University Common Entrance Test (IMU CET)	June	Physics, Chemistry, Maths, English, GK, Aptitude	http://www.imu.edu.in/index.php?prod_id=358 Copy
JEE Main (Paper 1)	April	Physics, Chemistry, Maths	http://jeemain.nic.in/webinfo/Public/Home.aspx Copy
JEE Advanced	May	Physics, Chemistry, Maths	http://www.jeeadv.ac.in/ Copy



Work Description

Merchant Navy officers are hired on various categories of vessels in the commercial shipping industry. The job of merchant navy officers involves:

- Sailing the ship with the help of variety of satellites and radar networks and apparatus
- Scanning weather and sailing information
- Synchronizing the secure lading, depot and dispatching of freight
- Surveying the ship to ensure that the health and security measures are in place
- Checking and regulating security, firefighting and life-saving apparatus
- Watching and sustaining all the electrical apparatus on board to ensure the security and efficacy of the ship.
- Dealing with the job of marking and giving training and assisting trainee officers
- Staying abreast of advancements in nautical methods, commercial and governmental matters



Pros & Cons of a Career in Merchant Navy

Pros

- It is a highly respectable career that is guaranteed to earn you the admiration of other people.
- The compensations for this career are sizeable thus it is a lucrative career.
- It allows one to travel all across the world and gain a variety of wonderful experiences.
- One gets substantial leaves when not on duty (4-6 months every year), so it allows one to compensate for the time spent away from family.

Cons

- A career in the Merchant Navy requires one to spend long periods of time at sea, and away from the family. Since this kind of work is strenuous for both the body and the mind, it is not meant for everyone.
- The conditions at sea are not always favourable so it can be a somewhat dangerous job.

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