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IMU-CET 2027 Roadmap

From Class 12 to your first ship.

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Four ways in after Class 12

DNS / B.Sc Nautical Science

3 yr + sea time

PCM 60%, age 17-25, normal colour vision
Deck officer track. Colour blindness is a hard stop.

B.Tech Marine Engineering

4 years

PCM 60%, age 17-25, glasses allowed
Engine track. Vision rules are far more forgiving.

GME (Graduate Marine Engg)

1 year

B.E./B.Tech Mech or Elec, 50-60%
For engineering graduates. Separate entrance, not IMU-CET.

CCMC — Catering

~6 months

Class 10/12, no PCM needed
The route nobody tells you about. No Physics/Chem/Maths.

What it actually costs

Indicative ranges for DGMA-approved institutes. Always get the full fee structure in writing.

Course fee (DNS / B.Tech Marine)	Rs 8,00,000 - 12,00,000
Pre-sea kit, uniform, medical	Rs 40,000 - 80,000
STCW basic safety courses	Rs 25,000 - 45,000
IMU-CET application fee	Rs 1,000 - 1,500
Total realistic outlay	Rs 10,00,000 - 14,00,000

This is your family's money.

Nobody can promise you a seat, a sponsorship or a job. Anyone who does is selling you something.

Not sure which route is yours?

Colour vision normal, strong in Physics/Maths	DNS or B.Tech Marine
Wear glasses	B.Tech Marine Engineering (deck routes are stricter)
Already an engineering graduate	GME - one year, separate entrance
No Physics/Chemistry/Maths in Class 12	CCMC catering route
Family cannot fund Rs 10-14 lakh upfront	Look at sponsorship-linked institutes first, and verify every claim

Not advice for your specific case - check eligibility against the official IMU notification before you apply.

Count backwards from the exam

- 1 **SEP - NOV 2026**
Build the base
NCERT Class 11 PCM, cover to cover. No coaching needed yet. English: one editorial a day.
- 2 **DEC 2026 - JAN 2027**
Class 12 + past papers
NCERT Class 12. Start IMU-CET past papers. Mark every chapter you score under 50%.
- 3 **FEB 2027**
Application window opens
Notification expected. Apply the week it opens. Keep documents scanned and ready.
- 4 **MAR - APR 2027**
Mock test phase
Two full 200-question mocks a week, timed. Drill the weak chapters you flagged.
- 5 **MAY 2027**
Exam month
Admit card, city selection, exam. Final week: revision only, no new chapters.
- 6 **JUN - AUG 2027**
Result and counselling
Merit list, choice filling, seat allotment, document verification, admission.

Before you pay anyone - 10 questions

Every 'No' or 'Not sure' is a red flag. This checklist has saved families lakhs.

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| ☐ Is the institute on the official DGMA-approved list? | ☐ Is the RPSL number real? Verify it directly with DGMA. |
| ☐ Do you have the complete fee structure in writing, on letterhead? | ☐ Have you read every clause of the bond before signing? |
| ☐ Is any sponsorship claim confirmed in writing by the shipping company? | ☐ Is the approval specific to your course, not just the institute? |
| ☐ Have you checked reviews outside the institute's own website? | ☐ Is the whole admission going through official channels only? |
| ☐ Are kit, uniform, medical and hostel fees disclosed upfront? | ☐ Can you get a full refund if you change your mind in 7 days? |

Our own answer to question 10: yes.

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If you hear any of these, walk away

- ! "100% placement guaranteed." Shipping companies do not pay institutes to find cadets.
- ! "Only 2 seats left, decide today." Manufactured scarcity. Take the time you need.
- ! "Pay a processing fee and the job is yours." No legitimate company charges a seafarer to be hired.
- ! "We will shift you to a better institute after admission." Not in writing means it does not exist.
- ! "Government scholarship - just pay the application fee." Real ones never charge you to apply.
- ! "We can arrange your medical certificate." Illegal, and career-ending if caught.
- ! "This agent is our official representative." Verify with the institute directly, not with the agent.

For parents

You are being asked to commit ten to fourteen lakh rupees to an industry you may not know, on the advice of people who are paid when you say yes. Four things protect you, and all four are free:

Verify the institute yourself

The DGMA-approved list is public. If the institute is not on it, nothing else matters.

Get every number in writing

Fee structure on letterhead, signed. Verbal quotes change after admission.

Read the bond before signing

Three-year bonds are common and are buried in the fine print. Read clause by clause.

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