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IMSA [www.imsaltd.com](http://www.imsaltd.com) (Tel: 01202 649874) have introduced the SSO (plus+) to our portfolio of ISPS code training.

# Ship Security Officer (plus+) SSO (plus+) Course

## Introduction

The '+' of the SSO (plus+) course consists of additional modules which have been introduced into IMSA Ltd's delivered ISPS Code MCA approved SSO Course. The modules are designed to provide additional information on merchant ships and the shipping industry, to delegates whose experience of either is slight. They also bring some informed, professional insight on the 'Threat-of-the-Day' – Piracy.

Whilst delegates will still receive an MCA approved certificate the aim is to give delegates more of an overview of the marsec industry in general with an emphasis on anti piracy.

We have taken the line that we can achieve in the standard 3 days of the SSO course (21 hrs of training to the IMO model course criteria) with extra modules and later finishes what some companies do with an extra days "anti piracy" training (4 days) at extra cost to the delegate plus an extra night's accommodation costs.

Delegates will come away from the course better prepared to gain employment in the marsec/anti piracy industry.

It's not just about boots on the bridge and hardening the vessel. We cover the street cred required to gain you that valuable confidence of the Master, crew or the OIM! Like it or not the industry does have Best Management Practice (BMP) and a Security Code of Practice and understanding how the Industry operates is critical to the interaction with the client you are protecting.

## Entry Requirements

The aim of this training programme is to provide a Ship's Officer or Personnel with designated Security Duties (PCASP) with the knowledge and skills to carry out his/her duties as a designated Ship Security Officer or as a person with designated Security Duties in accordance with the International Ship and Port Facility Code. In particular, he or she will be able to:

- To monitor, optimise and manage Ship's security systems and processes
- To motivate and train the crew to perform security duties
- Implementation and maintenance of a Ship Security Plan

Additionally, the delegate will receive additional modules that will enable them to have a better understanding of the Maritime Security sector and their role

## Certification

The vast majority of maritime security companies require their PCASP (Privately Contracted Armed Security Personnel) to have completed an SSO's course and ask for the SSO certificate as part of the pre training package required before considering a candidate for employment as a PCASP.

Candidates who are looking to move into the maritime security industry that do not have a seafaring background attend the SSO course to gain an understanding of the ISPS code and how it applies to the merchant marine. This knowledge will enable the PCASP to fulfil their duties in a professional manner whilst onboard.

As from the 16<sup>th</sup> September 2011 a new certificate "Proficiency in Designated Security Duties" has been issued by the MCA and should be issued to all delegates who have attend an SSO course but do not have 12 months qualifying sea service. We are now issuing this new certificate and a covering letter to successful delegates, we will only issue the SSO certificate after asking for proof of sea service ( former RN and RM personnel will be eligible if they have the necessary sea time).

We have circulated the information regarding this new certificate to all maritime security companies who are members of SAMI (Security Association for the Maritime Industry) so that their HR departments are aware of the new certification and do not discriminate against candidates who have the new certificate. We have also spoken to a number major maritime security companies and they will accept potential employees who have either certificate.

## Who Should Attend?

Ship's officers who have been, or are likely to be, appointed as Ship Security Officers under the International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code, former armed forces personnel, Maritime Security Consultants who will need this knowledge as a requirement of their position. Also those with a Maritime background looking to work in Ship/Offshore Security.

## Course Content

- The threats facing the maritime industry
- What is security?
- Understanding the ISPS Code and the changes to SOLAS
- Security Levels - coordination with port facilities and the company fleet.
- Arranging Ship Security Assessments & Plans including managing Ship Security Surveys
- Monitoring the performance of Ship Security Officers and security activities
- Monitoring fleet security training programmes and drills
- Countering piracy and hostage-taking on ships
- Countering and dealing with stowaways
- Understanding, specifying and purchasing security equipment
- Countering the threat of smuggling
- Handling and protection of security information
- Firearms and their use onboard ships and in ports (Flag State, Port State and Coastal State requirements with respect to weapons)
- Ensuring compliance with the ISPS Code

Maritime Qualifications and Industry Jargon  
Tax implications for the Operator  
Counter piracy procedures  
Industry best practice (BMP4)  
Self Protection Measures (SPM)  
Managing incidents and reporting to clients  
International law applicable to the sea  
Industry guidelines for the use of Private Maritime Security Contractors (PMSC) as additional protection in waters affected by Somali piracy, and how it affects Privately Contracted Armed/Unarmed Security Personnel (PCASP/PCUSP)

Training is validated with an end of course exam. Successful delegates will be awarded an MCA internationally approved certificate. Those with 12 months eligible sea service will receive the SSO certificate; those that do not meet these requirements will receive the "Proficiency in Designated Security Duties" certificate.

### Included In The Course:

- Full course materials
- Copy of presentations on CD-Rom
- Internationally recognised certificate
- ISPS Code Book
- Lunch and refreshments

**Course Duration:** 3 days (Tue/Wed/Thurs)

**Cost:** £395 + VAT = (£474 inc VAT)

**Accommodation:** Not included in the price but we provide a full list of local accommodation to suit all budgets. Prices start from £25 per person per night

### HOW TO BOOK THE COURSE OR CONTACT US:

Independent Maritime Security Associates Ltd (IMSA Ltd) only use highly experienced time served ISPS trainers to conduct SSO (plus+) courses. IMSA Ltd runs its courses locally and if required, at any location worldwide. Please contact IMSA Ltd via email at [info@imsaltd.com](mailto:info@imsaltd.com) or call 01202 649874 to discuss your ISPS Code training requirements.

Delegates will gain valuable insight into anti piracy from seasoned trainers who have operated across the maritime security spectrum.

***As a networking opportunity, on the middle night of the course we adjourn to a local hostelry where we sink a few pints, tell a few dits and get down to the nitty gritty of who is doing what in the industry, who is recruiting and their contact details. This follows presentations earlier in the day from operational marsec companies from the Poole area.***

***We have a 30 minute presentation during the course into the tax implications for security operators delivered by the well respected tax advisors to the guys on the circuit, Whittaker and Co.***

