



# INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED SHIPBROKERS, SOUTH AFRICA

## SEPTEMBER 2020 NEWSLETTER

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### **Change, Capabilities and Compromise**

If anyone had asked the question on what to predict for 2020, the answer would not have been the same as what we have all experienced over the last few months. The pandemic has brought significant **Change** on how we go about our everyday lives.

Unique **Capabilities** were challenged and encouraged as everyone around the world has had to adapt to the new 2020.

A further skill identified is **Compromise**, which is a tough one as we do not easily give into this, from having national lockdown with family members all in one space to working from home with different working hours, studying online away from others, zoom conferences, limited shopping and outdoor excursions to changing our exercise routines.

The education system too had to adapt to **COVID-19** to support our students and possibly even end up working better for students in the future as studying through the Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers our courses are correspondence based and sometimes a student can feel quite alone but we as a branch have **Challenged** the system this year and we have offered even more support than before.

From head office, as many would have seen on the social pages, London with a dedicated team put together an online Academy in a very short space of time to support our Foundation, Advance Diploma and Post Qualifying Examination students. The SA branch too offered workshops and tutorials via Skype and Zoom for SA students leading up to the exams.

The exams were postponed to July 2020 and we successfully were able to hold these for 19 students who sat 32 papers written at the different exam venues in South Africa. A great cheer goes to these students who continued to be motivated, engaging and stimulated to **Commit** to the July 2020 exams. The results were released on Monday the 21<sup>st</sup> of September and we **Congratulate** our students with 20 successful passed papers.

In South Africa **Courage, Creativeness, Collaborative** were our words for the ICS SA branch as our Educational and Marketing Committee put their heads together with a team from London to launch our new International Understanding Shipping course online. We too **Celebrate** with 15 students who completed the older Understanding Shipping course this year.

## **Online Understanding Shipping Course**

We are excited to announce the successful launch of our new ICS online Understanding Shipping Course on 1 August 2020 with seven students enrolled and now onto their third module of the course.

The course is based on nine correspondence lessons, with each student being assigned and evaluated by an ICS tutor, who themselves are industry professionals who have volunteered their time to assist with mentoring our Understanding Shipping students.

The nine modules are designed to give students a thorough understanding of the basics of shipping and encompass the Planet, People and Trade; the Growth of International Trade and Shipping; Types of Ships; the Role of Ports; the Voyage; Charter Markets and Shipbroking; Key documents in Shipping; the Development of Ships, Shipping cycles and Maths; with the final module focusing on shipping in South Africa.

In addition to an updated course book, students will also benefit from live virtual seminars, pre-recorded workshops and live virtual Question and Answer sessions throughout the course to support their learning. To ensure that our students understand the course content, each module has an online multiple choice/and or essay question to completed by students at the close of each module.

On successful completion of the course and a brief interview, students will be awarded the Understanding Shipping Certificate.

As of the 5<sup>th</sup> of October, we will be running our 2<sup>nd</sup> cohort of the Online Understanding Shipping course with six enrolled students.



A message from one of our new students - *I hope with knowledge acquired from this course, I will be able to effectively contribute more in our freight business - Norman Nhundu*



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SOUTH AFRICA**  
PRESENTS

Our new and improved International  
Understanding Shipping course



## July 2020 Exam / Online Workshops

Given the unprecedented times we find ourselves in, the ICS decided to offer Virtual Exam Preparation Workshops on several of our courses to assist our students in preparing for their mid-year examinations.

While workshop attendance by students was not at the levels which we had hoped for, feedback from our tutors and students who participated in the workshops reflected that these workshops were “a great initiative” and “a very good idea.” Going forward we anticipate that more of our workshops will move online and we hope that we can make these valuable assets to our students in their studies.



Our very sincerest gratitude to those of our ICS tutors who volunteered their time to assist our students with these workshops.

## ***Exam results for July 2020 were published 21<sup>st</sup> September 2020***

Results were released at noon on **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September** via [www.shipbrokers.org](http://www.shipbrokers.org). The result letters have also been posted to all our students in the last week of September.

Congratulations to Nkululeko Makhaye who has completed her PQE as well as walking away with the prestigious Port Strategy Award, this award goes to the student with the highest mark Internationally in Port and Terminal Management.

Four Foundation Diploma students successfully passed their exams namely Shaun Slabbert, Teegan De Kock, Alex Currie and Chantal Davids.

Regina Dhlwayo has also completed her PQE.

Well done to all our students who passed their exam papers 😊

## **November 2020 / May 2021 exams**

Registration for November 2020 as well as May 2021 exams are now open. We currently have an early bird special for exam entry fees for both sessions which ends 8<sup>th</sup> of October 2020.

Registration for November 2020 exams end 08<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Should you wish to register and take advantage of this amazing discount– **CONTACT US TODAY!!!**

## Corporate Sponsorship and Affiliation

### **We are pleased to announce the return of Local Corporate Sponsorship opportunities**

Companies wishing to support the Institute and its values through its training policies, professionalism, and ethics. The aim of Corporate Sponsorship is to increase awareness of the ICS in the Maritime and Logistics industry in South Africa and attract and gain interest with our youth and develop students and entrance to the industries for professional working ethics.

#### **Criteria:**

- South African Registered Companies which have operated for more than 5 years
- One senior member of the company needs to be a member of ICS
- Does NOT confer the right to use the ICS logo.
- Annual fee: R 4200 (or 350 per month set up by direct debit)

#### **Benefits:**

- Letter issued by the ICS Branch in which the company can display
- Reduced fees for company employees attending local Prep
- Invitations to networking events
- Incentives for placing, set number students on an Understanding Shipping Course in one calendar year
- Advertising on our quarterly newsletter
- Advertising with their company logo on the ICS South Africa branch website
- Vacancy adverts placed on the ICS website

### **We also pleased to announce opportunity for Associates of the ICS SA Branch**

The Associate opportunity are for persons holding a position of responsibility in the shipping industry of Southern Africa, who will promote and encourage the values of the Institute and may be invited by the Branch to become an associate. This is not an ICS membership but an associate of the South African ICS branch.

#### **Criteria:**

- 10 years Industry Experience
- Senior Manager or Director
- Employed by a well-known company
- Annual Affiliation fee: R 3800 (or R320 per month by direct debit)

#### **Benefits:**

- Letter from the branch will be sent to individual
- Individual can add "Affiliated with ICS" in their company signature
- Discount on networking events
- Networking opportunities and webinars

**The November 2020 Exam Calendar is now available**

Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	09.30hrs - 12.30hrs	Offshore Support Industry
	13.30hrs - 16.30hrs	Dry Cargo Chartering
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	09.30hrs - 12.30hrs	Logistics & Multi-Modal Transport
	13.30hrs - 16.30hrs	Port & Terminal Management
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	09.30hrs - 12.30hrs	Introduction to Shipping
	13.30hrs - 16.30hrs	Shipping Business
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	09.30hrs - 12.30hrs	Legal Principles in Shipping Business
	13.30hrs - 16.30hrs	Ship Sale & Purchase
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	09.30hrs - 12.30hrs	Economics of Sea Trans & International Trade
	13.30hrs - 16.30hrs	Port Agency
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	09.30hrs - 12.30hrs	Liner Trades
	13.30hrs - 16.30hrs	Ship Operations and Management
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	09.30hrs - 12.30hrs	Tanker Chartering
	13.30hrs - 16.30hrs	Shipping Law
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	09.30hrs - 12.30hrs	Marine Insurance
	13.30hrs - 16.30hrs	Shipping Finance



## An overview of the ICS Academic Journey



### YOUR ACADEMIC JOURNEY THROUGH THE INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED SHIPBROKERS

#### UNDERSTANDING SHIPPING

**PERFECT FOR NEWCOMERS TO  
THE SHIPPING INDUSTRY.**

This certificate gives its holder a good overview of the shipping industry as well as insight into South African Ports and Cargoes.

#### FOUNDATION DIPLOMA

**A STANDALONE  
QUALIFICATION.**

Ideal for people with little industry experience but who would like to gain practical knowledge and a sound qualification.

#### ADVANCED DIPLOMA

**FOR THOSE WITH  
MORE EXPERIENCE.**

A recognised and respected qualification which count towards your professional qualifying examinations.

#### PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS EXAMINATION

**THE PINNACLE OF THE  
INSTITUTE'S QUALIFICATION.**

Completion of these exams is an illustration of one's developed knowledge and understanding of the commercial shipping industry.



## **JOIN US and be part of an EXTRAORDINARY PROJECT**



The West Africa Branch, covering Ghana, Nigeria, Cameroon, Sierra Leone, and Liberia was inaugurated in Ghana in April 2010 and has been very instrumental in promoting professionalism and acceptable international standards within the shipping, oil and gas and other related industries in the sub region.

The Branch is celebrating its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. As part of the celebration and to give the institute presence, the Branch will be constructing a Maritime Library and Tutorial centre at the Regional Maritime University (RMU). The building will serve as an office, tutorial centre, a library for the Branch and shipping community. This will help promote the Institute and give the Branch a firm footing to conduct the Institutes business of promoting education and professionalism in the Sub region.

The RMU in Ghana has generously donated land for the project. The Education Trust Fund of the Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers have taken up the cost of architectural design for the project. Other benevolent Institute Branches and members have donated books and a container to temporarily store the books until the project is complete.

West Africa Branch is appealing for funds for the construction for the library. You can donate personally or by Branch / Company on the below link :

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/jacqui-gilbert>

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**BE A PART OF OUR SUCCESS!  
AS AN INSTITUTION WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR, AND  
GRATEFUL OF, OUTSIDE INVOLVEMENT AND  
CONTRIBUTIONS.**

-  **IDEAS FOR FUNDRAISING EVENTS / SPEAKERS /**
-  **CORPORATE INVOLVEMENT**
-  **WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A TUTOR/ STUDENT?**

**CONTACT US.**

***WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU.***

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