

UNDERSTANDING SHIPPING

The course covers the following topics:

SHIPS AND TRADES

Reasons for Sea Transport, Shipping and trades. Types of ships. Maritime Geography. Communication.

THE BUSINESS AND THE PLAYERS

The Company, principals, intermediaries, The Practitioners – their role, their responsibilities and their income. Organisations.

BILL OF LADING

The bill of lading's three functions. Release and delivery of cargo. Different types of B/L.

PORT AGENCY

Definition of an agent's authority. Port Services and the providers, cargo working, husbandry, after departure, local requirements.

BULK CARRIER & TANKER DOCUMENTS

Charter parties, other documents, Basic laytime concepts.

LINER AGENCY DOCUMENTATION

The agency agreement. Space allocation, sales & marketing, dealing with cargo bookings, special cargo, documentation and consortia.

CHARTERING

The chartering markets, types of charter, how a deal is made, authority and responsibility, after the fixture. Brokerage, specialist brokers.

PORT AND CARGOES

The location, origin and facilities of ports with particular reference to South Africa. The principal exports and imports of the Southern African region.

SHIP MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS

Integral department or independent managers. Organisation structure. Specialist crew controlling.

The course is based on nine correspondence lessons, with a personal tutor assigned to each student. After each lesson the student is required to submit a test paper comprising of a number of multiple choice questions as well as a short written paper of about 150 words.

At the end of the 9 month course students will be invited to attend a brief interview – should they be successful they will be awarded the TutorShip certificate.

The course will be tutored and administered by the South Africa Branch of the Institute. The course is available at a cost of **R 4,250 + R 150 Student Subscription Fee (Incl. VAT)**