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Training Programs and Admissions Criteria

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1. General Information

Nikola Vaptsarov Naval Academy is the oldest technical educational institution in Bulgaria established in 1881. It is the most prestigious center for training of maritime specialists in the country. In 1960 Naval Academy was entered in the registers of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) to UN. It is also ISO 9002.4 quality certified for the discipline “Navigation” from the Lloyd’s Register, and ISO 9001-2000 certified for all disciplines.

2. Undergraduate Programs

Foreign citizens are admitted to the Naval Academy in conformity with the Law on Higher Education and Ordinance on the State Requirements in Republic of Bulgaria for Admission of Bulgarian and Foreign Students.

The training at the Naval Academy is conducted in English and Bulgarian. Foreign students are required to take a nine-month preparatory course comprising training in Bulgarian, English, Physics and Mathematics. This training is organized during the first academic year by the Postgraduate Studies Department of the Naval Academy. The duration of education is 4 years (8 semesters) provided on a full-time basis. The education finishes with state exams.

The training at the Naval Academy is conducted in following specialties:

2.1 Navigation

Graduates may assume positions as Officer in Charge of the Navigational Watch and Chief Mate on board all merchant ships, as well as shore positions as ship managers, shipping agents, brokers, cargo surveyors, etc.

2.2 Marine Engineering

The graduates are qualified to work as ship electricians on merchant ships of the corresponding class, as well as other managerial positions within the sphere of maritime transportation and industry. Graduates hold office “watch keeping engineer in the engine compartment service” or “mechanic on duty in the engine room with unmanned engine-room” of civilian ships with unlimited power of propelling power installations, second engineer on a ship with propulsion

power to 3000 kW, chief mechanic of a ship with propulsion power to 3000 kW and chief engineer of a ship with capacity up to 3000 kW inland waterways. Graduates can be employed in various management positions in the maritime transport and in industry.

2.3 Electrical engineering

On successful graduation from the Academy students can be employed as Officer in Charge of the Engineering Watch in manned Engine room or as Officer in Charge of the Engineering Watch in unmanned Engine room onboard merchant vessels with no limitation of the power of the ship plant, Second Engineer on coastal ships with a power plant of over 3,000 kW, Chief Engineers on ships with power plant of up to 3,000 kW as well as occupy different management positions in the sector of maritime transport and industry.

2.4 Administration and Management

This course aims to satisfy the increased demand for managers in the dynamic international environment water transport. Naval Academy prepare future leaders and experts in the international trade by sea, the shipping business, port state control centers and institutions.

To achieve this goal the training puts emphasis on economic, managerial and language skills at the same time provides the necessary knowledge of marine technology and operation of water transport.

Course is focused in two areas. The first is general training in economics and management. It taught microeconomics, macroeconomics, international economic relations, fundamentals of management theory, organization, analytical methods for decision making, entrepreneurship, financial resource management, international business management and foreign trade operations, marketing, organizational behavior, project management and others. The second area gives greater specialization and learn specifics of management in water transport. It studied commercial law and legislation in transport, international transport systems, ship management, logistics, customs and tax control, marine and cargo insurance, ship agency, chartering, port management etc.

3. Postgraduate Programs (Masters)

The duration of education is 1 or 3 years. The education finishes with thesis. Available courses are listed below:

3.1 Navigation

Students acquire a M.Sc. Degree and Certification as an Officer in Charge of Navigational Watch according to the mandatory requirements of the STCW Convention. They can start their career as Third Mates and further be promoted as Second Mates, Chief Mates and Masters on board all merchant ships. They can also be employed as ship managers, shipping agents, brokers, cargo surveyors on management level.

3.2 Information and Communication Technologies in Marine Industry

The specialty is designed to train professionals in the field of advanced communication and information systems and networks. They are capable of working in teams for operating and maintaining the GMDSS equipment on board and ashore, for operating and maintaining the shore-based ship traffic control systems. Upon successful completion of the course of training, graduates are prepared for the expert positions in the fields of electronics, computer hardware and programming.

3.3 Port Management

Graduates can develop career as organizers of production in ports, shipping agent, ship operator and ship broker shipping companies, as well as analytical specialists work in companies and organizations in the field of water transport.

3.4 Marine Engineering

On successful graduation from the Academy students acquire a M.Sc. Degree and Certification as an Officer in Charge of an Engineering Watch according to the mandatory requirements of the STCW Convention. They can be employed as Marine Engineers on board all merchant ships, as well as occupy different management positions in maritime transport and industry.

3.5 Ship Electrical engineering

On successful graduation from the Academy students can be employed as Officer in Charge of the Engineering Watch in manned Engine room or as Officer in Charge of the Engineering Watch in unmanned Engine room onboard merchant vessels with no limitation of the power of the ship plant, Second Engineer on coastal ships with a power plant of over 3,000 kW, Chief Engineers on ships with power plant of up to 3,000 kW as well as occupy different management positions in the sector of maritime transport and industry.

3.6 Logistics

The graduates acquire the competence and skills of management specialists, and specifically, Business, Engineering, Information, Military, Factory and Internal Logistics, Logistics distribution. They can occupy the positions of managers and experts in Logistics Company, state audit institutions, the shipping business and the international shipping trade.

3.7 Ship Repairs

Course is focused on all aspects of ship repairs, modifications, upgrades.

4. PhD Programs

Please contact Lagos International Ltd. for enquiries related to PhD programs offered by Naval Academy “ Nikola Vaptsarov” Varna, Bulgaria.

5. Admissions

All documents have to be submitted in order and in time to Lagos International as per the University requirements below. All applicants are subject to further approval by the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Our Bulgarian based team will translate as per the official requirements and submit all documentation in time to insure seamless admission and visa issuing process.

Required documents as follow:

- Application form

More than one specialty may be pointed in the application form, for example:

1. Navigation
2. Management of Water Transportation

- Copy of the High school diploma including academic transcript translated in Bulgarian by Lagos International. Licensed translator stamps and seals as per the Low requirements are compulsory. Photo copies of the seals and stamps are not accepted!

- Authorized document by the school authorities certifying that the applicant is allowed to continue his university education in the country where the secondary education was achieved. Licensed translator stamps and seals as per the Low requirements are compulsory. Photo copies of the seals and stamps are not accepted!

- Medical Health Certificate stating that the applicant is clinically and mentally healthy - issued within a month prior submitting admission application.

- Passport photocopy - Translated into Bulgarian and legalized.

- Original document for financial support provided by the parent, translated into Bulgarian and legalized. -

- Six photos 4/6 cm

- Photo croppies of all listed above documents (except photos)

For specialty of Navigation: not less than 62% of the maximum grade in maths and physics are required

For specialty of Management of water transportation: not less than 62% of the maximum grade in English language or Geography or History are required.

4.2 Required Application Documents for Postgraduate Students

1. Filled in Application form with applicant`s short personal data, home address, email, phone, desired course, etc.
2. Six passport size photographs.
3. Copy of applicant`s Bachelor/Master degree Diploma, translated in Bulgarian and certified (legalized).
4. Copy of the Diploma supplement – “transcript of courses”, where lectures/labs/course assignment hours should be stated as well as with the appropriate marks and ECTS credits. It has to be translated in Bulgarian and certified (legalized). The marks` system should be clearly detailed in view of the five grade notation – Excellent, very good, good, mean/pass.
5. Medical Certificate, translated in Bulgarian and certified (legalized) by the Bulgarian Consulate/Embassy in the respective country by the Bulgarian Consulate/Embassy in the respective country with an Apostille stamp. It should be issued within a month before applying for the enrollment.
6. Copies of applicant`s passport (the page with candidate's full name, written down in Latin, date and place of birth).

4.3 Application Deadlines

Application documents are submitted from 1st of June till end of August/early September for every next academic year. The whole admission process might take 6 to 8 weeks, so earlier documentation preparation is essential. This time include shipping of all required documents to Bulgaria, translate as per the official Bulgarian requirements, submit candidate`s documentation to the University, set aside application processing time for the Bulgarian Ministry of Education for receiving approval letter for each student allowing him/her to study in Bulgaria, send back all documents to Lagos International local branch and apply for student visa in the Bulgarian embassy located in the home country.

6. Tuition Fees

The annual tuition fees for foreign citizens from non-EU countries (art. 95 par. 7 of the Higher Education Act), for the qualification degrees “Bachelor” and “Master” (after “Bachelor” degree) in English in the professional branch “Transport, shipping and aviation” (as per Decree of the Council of Ministers № 104/28.04.2015) are as follows:

- full-time students – 3,000 EUR
- extra-mural students – 1,750 EUR
- language preparatory course – 3,000 EUR

The annual tuition fees for PhD students in technical and social studies – for foreign citizens from non-EU countries (art. 95 par. 6 of the Higher Education Act) are:

- full-time students – 3,000 EUR
- extra-mural students – 1,750 EUR

7. Further Details

For more information on how to begin your application process and our services, please contact our local representative in your country or email info@lojeducational.com