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Shipping Australia introduces new e-learning course

“Shipping Australia has developed a new e-learning course called **‘Fundamentals of the maritime industry’** which aims to build on the successful e-learning course **‘Introduction to shipping’**,” Llew Russell, Chief Executive of Shipping Australia said today.

The new course builds on that foundation of industry knowledge and allows applicants to take a step further to learn more detailed subjects relating to the maritime industry. Both courses can be packaged together or for those with some industry knowledge, for example, can take the fundamentals of maritime industry course on its own.

The training content consists of an introduction and ten training subjects;

1. Getting started (introduction)
2. International trade
3. Seaborne trade and shipping
4. Ship characteristics
5. International maritime logistics
6. “All in a day’s work”
7. Ports – the vital link
8. Liner trade cargo shipment
9. Ship broking and chartering
10. The maritime directory
11. The regulatory regime

In general, each subject will take about 45 minutes to complete but it will not be necessary to complete each subject or module all at the one time as the training system with automatically “bookmark” where the student is for the next time they log on. Other reference materials are provided as well as videos within the course.

“Costs are very competitive for this type of course and there are volume discounts for a number of courses purchased by the one applicant.

“We also expect overseas students to be interested in this course and we would like to take the opportunity to thank the providers of the funding for this course which was the Cargo Automation Development Fund Pty Ltd, which was a joint venture between the then Tradegate Pty Ltd and the Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry”, he said.

Further information including costs and the method of applying for the course can be found on the SAL website at www.shippingaustralia.com.au. Further information can also be obtained from Mr Bryan Sharkey on bsharkey@shippingaustralia.com.au or his mobile number 0425 304 362.

On the successful completion of all subject tests, the applicant will be able to print out a certificate of completion.

“Upon completion, we will be urging students to consider courses at the Australian Maritime College and for certain courses, credits will be given for completion of this course”, Mr Russell said.

Editor's note:

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