

SQA Qualifications in Maritime



We are an experienced awarding organisation with an international reputation for quality and service. We are experts in qualification and assessment design, Ofqual and Qualifications Wales recognised, and have a growing range of qualifications regulated throughout the UK.

We offer a comprehensive portfolio of maritime qualifications to support the maritime sector, with further qualifications currently under development. Our qualifications develop the employability skills valued by employers in general and necessary for effective work within the maritime industry.

Maritime and Coastguard Agency

The Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) is an Executive Agency in the Department for Transport (DfT). Its responsibilities include the issue of:

- Certificates of Competency for Deck Officers and Marine Engineer Officers in the Merchant Navy
- Certificates of Competency for Deck Officers and Marine Engineer Officers for Fishing Vessels
- Certificates of Competency for Yacht Engineer Officers
- Certificates of Equivalent Competency for UK Merchant Ships and Fishing Vessels

Centres throughout the UK (and overseas centres for yacht examinations) offer courses leading to examinations for the Certificates of Competency: information on courses will normally be available from these centres.

Written examinations for the Certificates of Competency and the Certificates of Equivalent Competency are administered for and on behalf of the MCA by SQA.

The examinations are prepared and quality assured by people involved in the industry and/or training, and approved by the MCA.

Maritime Skills Alliance

“SQA is the Maritime Skills Alliance’s preferred awarding organisation. We have developed a close working relationship with them to ensure that the qualifications meet employers’ needs and also reflect UK and international regulations. Colleagues at SQA have a very good understanding of the sector and the practical reality of delivering our qualifications; they’re good partners.”

Iain Mackinnon, Secretary to the Maritime Skills Alliance.



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Type of qualification	Title	SQA code	Framework
Level 2 Certificate	Maritime Studies: Able Seafarer (Deck)	GK54 54	RQF
Level 2 Diploma	Maritime Studies:Able Seafarer (Engine Room)	GD1Y 60	RQF
Level 2 Award	Maritime Studies: Deck Rating	GC6K 62	RQF
Level 2 Certificate	Maritime Studies: Engine Room Rating	GC7W 54	RQF
Level 2 Diploma	Maritime Studies: Marinas and Boatyards	GJ8C 60	RQF
Level 2 Diploma	Maritime Studies: Marine Vessel Maintenance (Electro-Technical)	GD20 60	RQF
Level 2 Diploma	Maritime Studies: Marine Vessel Maintenance (Engineering)	GD1X 60	RQF
Level 3 Award	Maritime Studies: Use of Radar and Electric Chart Systems in Code Vessels	GK9V 69	RQF
Level 3 Diploma	Maritime Studies: OOW on Merchant Vessels of less than 500 gross tonnage (Near Coastal)	GG77 57	RQF
Level 3 Diploma	Maritime Studies: OOW on Merchant Vessels of less than 3000 gross tonnage (Near Coastal)	GG78 57	RQF
Level 2 Diploma	Maritime Studies: Rivers, Inland Waterways and Limited Distances to Sea	GG8R 60	RQF
Level 2 Diploma	Maritime Studies: Sea Fishing	GD29 60	RQF
Level 3 Diploma	Shipping and Maritime Operations (Deck)	GA6F 57	RQF
Level 3 Diploma	Shipping and Maritime Operations (Engineering)	GA6G 57	RQF
Level 2 Award	Maritime Studies: STCW Safety	GC25 62	RQF
Level 3 Diploma	Supervision of Port and Maritime Ops	GK7V 57	RQF
Level 4 Award	Maritime Studies: Tug Master less than 500 gross tonnage	GK0X 78	RQF
Level 4 Certificate	Maritime Studies: Tug Master less than 3000 gross tonnage	GK1V 63	RQF
Level 2 Diploma	Maritime Studies: Workboats	GJ4A 60	RQF
Level 5 Certificate	Able Seafarer/Tug Rating (Deck)	GE87 45	SCQF
Skills for Work	Maritime Skills National 5	C269 75	SCQF
Level 5 Diploma	Maritime Studies: Able Seafarer (Engine Room)	GL2E 45	SCQF
Level 5 Diploma	Maritime Studies: Workboats	GL2F 45	SCQF
Level 5 Diploma	Maritime Studies: Sea Fishing	GM9F 45	SCQF
Level 6 SVQ	Supervision of Port Operations	GJ6W 23	SCQF
Level 5 SVQ	Port Operations	GJ6V 22	SCQF
Level 5 Award	Maritime Studies: Deck Rating	GL63 45	SCQF
Level 5 Certificate	Maritime Studies: Able Seafarer (Deck)	GL62 45	SCQF
Level 6 National Certificate	Shipping and Maritime Operations	G9GW 46	SCQF
Level 9 PDA	Marine Management	G8LE49	SCQF

Find out more

To find out more about SQA's work with the maritime sector visit www.sqa.org.uk/maritime

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