



OFFICER OF THE WATCH (DECK) STCW REG II/1 UNLIMITED CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY

What will I need to join the course?

36 months sea-service in any acceptable deck capacity

No remission of sea-time is given

Please see MSN 1856 (M+F) for full details. These are available and can be downloaded from the UK MCA website www.mcga.gov.uk

You can email queries to: deck@mcga.gov.uk

During your final year's sea service, six months of this period must be spent on duties associated with bridge watchkeeping under the guidance of a certificated officer. These periods should be of at least eight hours a day and not haphazard periods now and again.

You will also have to hold/obtain:

- Eyesight of sufficient standard to pass a MCA test
- Letter of testimonial covering the last year's sea service stating ability, conduct and sobriety. Specimen testimonials are available from MGN 91, page 10 – Append. 1A
- A valid medical certificate
- A steering certificate if no EDH certificate held
- Medical First Aid Aboard Ship Certificate
- Advanced Fire-Fighting Certificate
- CPSC certificate (Certificate in Proficiency Survival Craft) Rescue Boat

Included in your course and fees:

- Higher National Certificate (HNC) in Nautical Studies
- GMDSS (General Operator Certificate)
- Efficient Deck Hand (EDH)
- Navigation Aids and Equipment Simulator Training (NAEST) Operational Level
- SQA Safety Paper Examinations in Navigation and Stability & Operations (1st attempt)
- Signals Examination (1st attempt)
- HELM O

The MCA will **NOT** issue a Notice of Eligibility (NOE) to a candidate who has not fulfilled the requirement of qualifying sea-service.



Short course certificates from certain countries which have been issued under the International Standards of Training Certification and Watchkeeping (STCW) **may** be acceptable to the MCA, but please note that for any sea time confirmation or short course acceptability you must contact the MCA directly. In the case of overseas students' this should be done **before** arrival in the UK.

What will I be doing?

You will be studying:-

HNC in Nautical Science (Part 1) which comprises of the following units

- Chartwork and Tides
- Navigational Mathematics and Science
- Marine Meteorology: An Introduction
- Bridge Watchkeeping
- Marine Cargo Operations
- Ship Stability: An Introduction
- Naval Architecture: Ship Construction
- Celestial Navigation
- Nautical Science Graded Unit 1
- Marine Emergency Response and Communication
- Marine Law & Management

- GMDSS (GOC) Certificate
- EDH Certificate
- NAEST (Operational level) Certificate
- Signals Examination
- Helm Operational Course

What do I need to bring to College?

Parallel rulers (at least 40cm), dividers, compasses, protractor, pencils, erasers, pens and a nonprogrammable scientific calculator (CASIO type is recommended).

You should also obtain a book on the International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea.

How long will the course last and what patterns of attendance are available?

The Officer of the Watch course will involve approximately thirty weeks at College.



How will my progress on the course be assessed?

SQA Safety Exams in Navigation and Stability & Operations
SQA HNC Exams
MCA Signals Exam
MCA Oral Exam

What will I achieve?

Having successfully passed all elements required, you can then apply to the MCA for your Officer of the Watch (Unlimited) Certificate of Competency. This will entitle you to sail as an Officer of the Watch on any sized vessel trading worldwide.

When can I come to College?

Courses commence in January, May and September.

Radio Officers wishing to convert to Deck Officers should contact:

The Merchant Navy Training Board
Carthusian Court
12 Carthusian Street
London
EC1B 6EB
Tel: 0171 417 8400

What does it cost?

See attached sheet for fees.

For information on funding and loans, please contact:

The Marine Society.

Tel: 020 7261 9535 or visit their website at: www.marine-society.org

The College is non-residential. Accommodation is mainly with local landlords

What should I do now?

To apply contact: Vandana M, Manager MCTS

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