

DECK RATINGS

Level 2 Seafarer (Deck) Rating Apprenticeship

Seafarer deck ratings work on a variety of Merchant Navy vessels including those operating deep-sea and near coastal waters. Ship types may include container ships, tankers, ferries, tugs, crew transfer and supply vessels. This training programme ensures seafarers gain the requisite MCA certifications and sea time to work at sea as well as a range of competencies in deck-related and navigational skills. Seafarer deck ratings may progress to become an Able Seafarer upon completion of a further 12 months sea time.

Key competencies/certifications include:

- Contributing to maintaining a navigational watch
- Operating and maintain deck equipment on board a vessel
- Assisting in cargo loading/unloading and stowage operations
- Berthing, mooring and anchoring of vessels
- Applying health and safety practices on board and emergency procedures
- Controlling and operating survival craft and rescue boats
- Maintaining ropes and steelwork



DELIVERY

Learning and training will be delivered in the workplace with occasional release to attend residential training at an approved centre. Each apprentice will be allocated a dedicated trainer throughout the programme who will visit the workplace periodically and conduct regular progress review checks with the apprentice and line manager.

Apprentices will complete an electronic training record book to confirm competence in the required knowledge and skills. Off the job training must equate to at least 6 hours per week over the course of the programme.

DURATION

Typical duration is 18 months depending on experience at entry.

ASSESSMENT

Apprentices will undergo a graded End Point Assessment (EPA) conducted by an external assessor. Prior to this all mandatory qualifications must be achieved.

ELIGIBILITY

Apprentices must be a UK national or have been resident for at least 3 years. EU nationals must have settled status.

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

Employers determine their own entry requirements; however all apprentices must have at least a level 1 qualification in English and mathematics or above or else obtain an equivalent level qualification during the programme.

EMPLOYER BENEFITS

- All training costs* met through the apprenticeship levy
- Attracts new entrants into the sector and improves staff retention
- Improves staff professionalism and wellbeing
- Fully certified deck rating to meet manning requirements
- Additional £4k bursary paid by the Maritime Educational Foundation

APPRENTICE BENEFITS

- Gain a recognised level 2 qualification and industry certificates
- Proven competence relevant to the industry
- Increased employability and career progression

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