



MARITIME LABOUR CONVENTION, 2006; Food and Catering: Recognised Qualifications in Food Hygiene or Food Safety in Catering for Ship's Cooks and others processing Food in the Galley

**Notice to all Shipowners, Crewing Agents, Masters, Officers, Seafarers and other
shipboard personnel**

This note should be read with Part 8 of the Merchant Shipping (Maritime Labour Convention)(Minimum Requirements for seafarers etc.) Regulations 2014 and Merchant Shipping Notice MSN 1846 (M) Maritime Labour Convention, 2006: Food and Catering: Ship's Cooks and Catering Staff.

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Summary

Part 8 of the Merchant Shipping (Maritime Labour Convention) (Minimum Requirements for Seafarers, etc.) Regulations 2014 (the "Minimum Requirements Regulations") introduce a requirement for all ship's cooks, catering staff and other persons processing food in the galley to be suitably qualified in food hygiene or food safety in catering.

The qualifications and awarding bodies which are listed in this Marine Information Note are those that fulfil the learning outcomes and assessment criteria set out in Annex 1 of Merchant Shipping Notice MSN 1846 (M)

Level 2 is the minimum acceptable level for catering staff and other persons processing food in the galley.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 Under the Minimum Requirements Regulations all ship's cooks and other persons processing food in the galley are to be suitably qualified in food hygiene or food safety in catering.



2. Training requirements for catering staff and other persons processing food in the galley (Regulation 40)

2.1 The shipowner must ensure that the ship's cook and any other person who processes food in the galley of a sea-going United Kingdom vessel is properly trained or instructed in food and personal hygiene, as well as safe handling and storage of food onboard ship, in accordance with the learning outcomes and assessment criteria set out in Annex 1 of Merchant Shipping Notice MSN 1846 (M). A ship's cook must also complete the additional learning set out in Annex 2 and the Standards of Training Certification and Watchkeeping (STCW) Safety Courses listed in section 3 of Merchant Shipping Notice MSN 1846 (M).

3. Recognised Food Hygiene/Food Safety qualifications

3.1 The following is a list of those qualifications and awarding bodies which the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) currently recognises and accepts as fulfilling the requirements of the learning outcomes and assessment criteria as set out in Annex 1 of Merchant Shipping Notice MSN 1846 (M). All these qualifications are classroom based and are followed by an examination. Level 2 is the minimum acceptable level for catering staff and other persons processing food in the galley.

(i) Table 1: Level 2 Courses

Qualification Number	Qualification Title	Organisation Name (Full name)	Organisation (Short name)	Qualification Level
600/8219/7	AIM Awards Award in Food Safety in Catering	AIM Awards	AIM Awards	Level 2
600/6645/3	AOFAQ Award in Food Safety in Catering (QCF)	Association of First Aiders Qualifications	AOFAQ	Level 2
600/0343/1	Ascentis Award in Food Safety in Catering	ASCENTIS	ASCENTIS	Level 2
501/1302/1	BIIAB Award in Food Safety in Catering	British Institute of Innkeeping Awarding Body	BIIAB	Level 2
601/3746/0	BSC Award in Food Safety in Catering (QCF)	British Safety Council	BSC	Level 2
	CIEH Foundation Certificate in Food Safety	Chartered Institute of Environmental Health	CIEH	Equivalent to Level 2
500/5186/6	City & Guilds Award in Food Safety in Catering	City and Guilds of London Institute	City & Guilds	Level 2
500/8419/7	FDQ Award in Food Safety for Catering	FDQ Limited	FDQ	Level 2
600/9385/7	FAA Award In Food Safety in Catering (QCF)	First Aid Awards Ltd	FAA	Level 2
600/1306/0	FAQ Award in Food Safety in Catering	Future (Awards and Qualifications) Ltd	FAQ	Level 2
601/8269/6	GA Award in Food Safety for Catering (RQF)	Gatehouse Awards Ltd	GA	Level 2
500/5485/5	HABC Award in Food Safety in Catering (QCF)	Highfield Qualifications	Highfield Qualifications	Level 2
603/0967/2	Highfield Award in Food Safety at Sea (RQF)	Highfield Qualifications	Highfield Qualifications	Level 2
603/2033/3	Highfield Award in Food Safety in Catering (RQF)	Highfield Qualifications	Highfield Qualifications	Level 2
603/2043/6	Highfield Award in Food Safety in Catering (Refresher) (RQF)	Highfield Qualifications	Highfield Qualifications	Level 2
601/7794/9	iCQ Award In Food Safety in Catering (RQF)	iCan Qualifications Limited	iCQ	Level 2



600/2214/0	IQ Award In Food Safety in Catering (QCF)	Industry Qualifications	IQ	Level 2
601/7344/0	IAO Award In Food Safety in Catering	Innovate Awarding	IAO	Level 2
600/9603/2	NCFE Award in Food Safety in Catering	Northern Council for Further Education	NCFE	Level 2
601/1157/4	NOCN Award in Food Safety in Catering	National Open College Network	NOCN	Level 2
603/1290/7	Open Awards Award in Food Safety in Catering	Open Awards	Open Awards	Level 2
600/3287/X	Pearson BTEC Award in Food Safety in Catering	Pearson Education Ltd	Pearson	Level 2
603/0816/3	QNUK Award in Food Safety for Catering (RQF)	Qualifications Network	QNUK	Level 2
600/8920/9	QA Award in Food Safety in Catering (QCF)	Qualsafe Awards	QA	Level 2
EFH1	Elementary Food Hygiene	Royal Environmental Health Institute for Scotland	REHIS	Equivalent to Level 2
500/5480/6	RSPH Award in Food Safety in Catering	Royal Society for Public Health	RSPH	Level 2
601/8306/8	RSPH Foundation Award in Food Hygiene	Royal Society for Public Health	RSPH	Level 2
603/2395/4	RSPH Award in Food Safety and Hygiene	Royal Society for Public Health	RSPH	Level 2
600/4334/9	TLM Award in Food Safety in Catering	The Learning Machine	TLM	Level 2
601/2512/3	TQUK Award in Food Safety in Catering (QCF)	Training Qualifications UK Ltd	TQUK	Level 2
600/4678/8	VTCT Award in Food Safety in Catering	Vocational Training Charitable Trust	VTCT	Level 2

(ii) **Table 2: Level 3 Courses**

Qualification Number	Qualification Title	Organisation Name (Full name)	Organisation (Short name)	Qualification Level
601/4956/5	AoFAQ Award in Supervising Food Safety in Catering (QCF)	Association of First Aiders Qualifications	AOFAQ	Level 3
600/5224/7	BIIAB Award In Supervising Food Safety in Catering (QCF)	British Institute of Innkeeping Awarding Body	BIIAB	Level 3
601/3777/0	BSC Award in Supervising Food Safety in Catering (QCF)	British Safety Council	BSC	Level 3
	CIEH Intermediate Certificate in Food Safety	Chartered Institute of Environmental Health	CIEH	Equivalent to Level 3
600/4327/1	FDQ Award in Supervising Food Safety in Catering	FDQ Limited	FDQ	Level 3
601/2681/4	FAA Award in Supervising Food Safety in Catering (QCF)	First Aid Awards Ltd	FAA	Level 3
600/1367/9	FAQ Award in Supervising Food Safety in Catering	Future (Awards and Qualifications) Ltd	FAQ	Level 3
500/5471/5	HABC Award in Supervising Food Safety in Catering (QCF)	Highfield Qualifications	Highfield Qualifications	Level 3



603/0968/4	Highfield Award in Supervising Food Safety at Sea (RQF)	Highfield Qualifications	Highfield Qualifications	Level 3
603/2087/4	Highfield Award in Food Safety in Catering (RQF)	Highfield Qualifications	Highfield Qualifications	Level 3
601/1144/6	Pearson BTEC Award in Practical Food Safety Supervision for Catering (QCF)	Pearson Education Ltd	Pearson	Level 3
603/1022/4	QNUK Award in Food Safety Supervision for Catering (RQF)	Qualifications Network	QNUK	Level 3
603/0880/1	QA Award in Supervising Food Safety in Catering (RQF)	Qualsafe Awards	QA	Level 3
IFH1	Intermediate Food Hygiene	Royal Environmental Health Institute for Scotland	REHIS	Equivalent to Level 3
500/5483/1	RSPH Award in Supervising Food Safety in Catering	Royal Society for Public Health	RSPH	Level 3
601/2990/6	TQUK Award in Supervising Food Safety in Catering (QCF)	Training Qualifications UK Ltd	TQUK	Level 3

(iii) **Table 3: Level 4 Courses**

Qualification Number	Qualification Title	Organisation Name (Full name)	Organisation (Short name)	Qualification Level
600/1368/0	FAQ Award in Managing Food Safety in Catering	Future (Awards and Qualifications) Ltd	FAQ	Level 4
500/7327/8	HABC Award in Managing Food Safety in Catering (QCF)	Highfield Qualifications	Highfield Qualifications	Level 4
AFH1	Diploma in Advanced Food Hygiene	Royal Environmental Health Institute for Scotland	REHIS	Equivalent to Level 4
500/5484/3	RSPH Award in Managing Food Safety in Catering	Royal Society for Public Health	RSPH	Level 4
601/3364/8	TQUK Award in Food Safety Management for Catering(QCF)	Training Qualifications UK Ltd	TQUK	Level 4

3.2 There are no generally available online courses recognised as meeting the assessment criteria and learning outcomes set out in Annex 1 of Merchant Shipping Notice MSN 1846 (M).

3.3 Some companies have been approved by the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) to offer an in-house food hygiene/food safety course for their employees. In this context, where training is supervised, on-line elements may be accepted. These are not listed above, but have been assessed and are accepted by the MCA as meeting the learning outcomes of Annex 1, Merchant Shipping Notice MSN 1846 (M).

4. Chartered Institute of Environmental Health (CIEH)

4.1 The Chartered Institute of Environmental Health (CIEH) surrendered their recognition as a regulated awarding organisation in 2016. This means that they have withdrawn from the



regulatory structure used by Ofqual, Qualifications Wales (QiW) and Council for the Curriculum, Examination, and Assessment (CCEA). Under provisions of the CIEH Charter they will carry out the regulation, approval, accreditation and monitoring of their own food safety courses.

4.2 CIEH offer updated food safety courses at Levels 2 and 3. These are listed above in the table in section 3.

4.3 The table below lists the qualifications for which courses are no longer available, but which will continue to be accepted by the MCA until the certificate expires.

CIEH Qualification Number	CIEH Qualification title	Level	Certification End Date
600/0473/3	Award in Practical Food Safety for Catering	2	31 March 2017
500/5476/4	Award in Food Safety in Catering	2	23 June 2017
500/5475/2	Award in Supervising Food Safety in Catering	3	23 June 2017
500/5470/3	Award in Managing Food Safety in Catering	4	21 July 2017

5. Discontinued qualifications

5.1 The following is a list of qualifications that are no longer available. The MCA had previously recognised and accepted these certificates as fulfilling the learning outcomes and assessment criteria set out in Annex 1 of Merchant Shipping MSN 1846 (M). The date in the last column is the last date on which that particular certificate will be issued. Applicants holding one the certificates listed below can use it when applying for their UK Ship's Cook Certificate of Competency, provided it is issued before the certification end date.

Qualification Number	Qualification Title	Level	Certification End Date
601/1327/3	ABC Award In Food Safety in Catering (QCF)	2	31/03/2015
500/6524/5	ASCENTIS Award in Practical Food Safety in Catering (QCF)	2	28/02/2015
100/6227/0	OCNW Award in Practical Food Safety in Catering	2	30/09/2011
500/5476/4	CIEH Award in Food Safety in Catering (QCF)	2	23/06/2017
600/0473/3	CIEH Award in Practical Food Safety for Catering (QCF)	2	31/03/2017
100/6200/2	City & Guilds Award in Food Safety for Catering	2	31/03/2013
500/1660/X	City & Guilds Award in Healthier Food and Special Diets	2	31/03/2013
601/1058/2	Gateway Qualifications Award In Food Safety in Catering	2	31/12/2017
500/6210/4	NCFE Award in Practical Food Safety for Catering (QCF)	2	31/12/2015
100/6220/8	NCFE Award in Practical Food Safety in Catering	2	31/08/2011
500/6260/8	Pearson EDI Award in Food Safety in Catering (QCF)	2	30/09/2016
500/6261/X	Pearson EDI Award in Practical Food Safety in Catering (QCF)	2	30/09/2016
100/5858/8	EDI Award in Practical Food Safety in Catering	2	31/08/2011



500/1684/2	EDI Award in Food Safety in Catering	2	30/06/2011
601/1145/8	Pearson BTEC Award in Practical Food Safety in Catering (QCF)	2	31/03/2016
600/3918/8	QNUK Award in Food Safety in Catering (QCF)	2	31/12/2016
500/3768/7	RSPH Award in Food Safety in Catering (QCF)	2	31/12/2010
100/5823/0	RSPH Award in Food Safety in Catering	2	30/11/2010
500/6530/0	ASCENTIS Award in Practical Supervision of Food Safety in Catering (QCF)	3	28/02/2015
100/6228/2	OCNW Award in Practical Supervision of Food Safety in Catering	3	30/09/2012
500/5475/2	CIEH Award in Supervising Food Safety in Catering (QCF)	3	23/06/2017
100/6075/3	CIEH Award in Supervising Food Safety in Catering	3	30/11/2011
500/5910/5	City & Guilds Award in Supervising Food Safety in Catering (QCF)	3	31/12/2017
100/6201/4	City & Guilds Award in Supervising Food Safety for Catering	3	31/03/2014
600/4326/X	FDQ Award In Practical Supervision of Food Safety in Catering (QCF)	3	30/09/2015
500/8461/6	McDonalds Award in Supervising Food Safety in Catering (QCF)	3	30/04/2017
500/6195/1	NCFE Award in Practical Food Safety Supervision for Catering (QCF)	3	30/06/2016
100/6221/X	NCFE Award in Practical Supervision of Food Safety in Catering	3	31/08/2012
500/6266/9	Pearson EDI Award in Practical Food Safety Supervision for Catering (QCF)	3	31/12/2016
100/5859/X	EDI Award in Practical Supervision of Food Safety in Catering	3	30/11/2011
600/3290/X	Pearson BTEC Award in Supervising Food Safety in Catering	3	30/06/2017
100/1584/X	RIPH Advanced Certificate in Food Safety	3	31/12/2009
500/1637/4	RIPH Award in Supervising Food Safety in Catering	3	30/11/2011
100/5824/2	RSPH Award in Supervising Food Safety in Catering	3	30/11/2011
600/4853/0	VTCT Award in Supervising Food Safety in Catering (QCF)	3	30/09/2019
500/5470/3	CIEH Award in Managing Food Safety in Catering (QCF)	4	21/07/2017
500/1506/0	CIEH Award in Managing Food Safety in Catering	4	30/11/2011
600/3291/1	Pearson BTEC Award in Managing Food Safety in Catering	4	30/06/2017
500/1924/7	RIPH Award in Managing Food Safety in Catering	4	30/11/2011
100/5848/5	RSPH Award in Managing Food Safety in Catering	4	31/12/2011



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