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## **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, Masters, Crewing Agents, 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 the 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 ship's cooks, catering staff and other persons processing food in the galley.

## **1. Introduction**

- 1.1 Under the Minimum Requirements Regulations all ship's cooks, catering staff 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 outcomes and assessment criteria set out in Annex 2 and the Standards of Training Certification and Watchkeeping 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 ship's cooks, catering staff and other persons processing food in the galley.

### (i) Table 1: Level 2 Courses

Qualification Number (where applicable)	Qualification Title	Owner Organisation Name	Owner Organisation (Short Name)	Qualification level
600/0343/1	Ascentis Level 2 Award in Food Safety in Catering	Ascentis	Ascentis	Level 2
501/1302/1	BIIAB Level 2 Award in Food Safety in Catering	BIIAB	BIIAB	Level 2
601/3746/0	BSC Level 2 Award in Food Safety in Catering	British Safety Council	BSC	Level 2
-	CIEH Foundation Certificate in Food Safety	Chartered Institute of Environmental Health	CIEH	Level 2
500/5186/6	City & Guilds Level 2 Award in Food Safety in Catering	City and Guilds of London Institute	City & Guilds	Level 2
500/8419/7	FDQ Level 2 Award in Food Safety for Catering	FDQ Limited	FDQ	Level 2
600/9385/7	FAA Level 2 Award In Food Safety in Catering	First Aid Awards Ltd	FAA	Level 2
600/1306/0	FAQ Level 2 Award in Food Safety in Catering	Future (Awards and Qualifications) Ltd	FAQ	Level 2
601/8269/6	GA Level 2 Award in Food Safety for Catering (RQF)	Gatehouse Awards Ltd	GA	Level 2
603/0967/2	Highfield Level 2 Award in Food Safety at Sea (RQF)	Highfield Qualifications	Highfield Qualifications	Level 2



603/2033/3	Highfield Level 2 Award in Food Safety in Catering (RQF)	Highfield Qualifications	Highfield Qualifications	Level 2
603/2043/6	Highfield Level 2 Award in Food Safety in Catering (Refresher) (RQF)	Highfield Qualifications	Highfield Qualifications	Level 2
601/7794/9	iCQ Level 2 Award In Food Safety in Catering (RQF)	iCan Qualifications Limited	iCQ	Level 2
601/7793/7	iCQ Level 2 Award in Maintaining Food Safety when Storing, Preparing and Cooking Food(RQF)	iCan Qualifications Limited	iCQ	Level 2
600/2214/0	IQ Level 2 Award In Food Safety in Catering	Industry Qualifications	IQ	Level 2
601/1157/4	NOCN Level 2 Award in Food Safety in Catering	NOCN	NOCN	Level 2
603/1290/7	Open Awards Level 2 Award in Food Safety in Catering	Open Awards	Open Awards	Level 2
600/3287/X	Pearson BTEC Level 2 Award in Food Safety in Catering	Pearson Education Ltd	Pearson	Level 2
603/3328/5	ProQual Level 2 Award in Food Safety Awareness	ProQual Awarding Body	ProQual	Level 2
603/0816/3	QNUK Level 2 Award in Food Safety for Catering (RQF)	Qualifications Network	QNUK	Level 2
603/2594/X	QA Level 2 Award in Food Safety in Catering (RQF)	Qualsafe Awards	QA	Level 2
-	Elementary Food Hygiene	Royal Environmental Health Institute of Scotland	REHIS	Level 2
603/2395/4	RSPH Level 2 Award in Food Safety and Hygiene	Royal Society for Public Health	RSPH	Level 2
603/3341/8	Skillsfirst Level 2 Award in Food Hygiene	Skillsfirst Awards Ltd	Skillsfirst	Level 2
600/4334/9	TLM Level 2 Award in Food Safety in Catering	The Learning Machine	TLM	Level 2
601/2512/3	TQUK Level 2 Award in Food Safety in Catering (RQF)	Training Qualifications UK Ltd	TQUK	Level 2
600/4678/8	VTCT Level 2 Award in Food Safety in Catering	VTCT	VTCT	Level 2



(ii) Table 2: Level 3 Courses

Ofqual Number (where applicable)	Qualification Title	Owner Organisation Name	Owner Organisation (Short Name)	Qualification level
601/4956/5	AoFAQ Level 3 Award in Supervising Food Safety in Catering (RQF)	Awarding Organisation for Accredited Qualifications	AOFAQ	Level 3
600/5224/7	BIIAB Level 3 Award In Supervising Food Safety in Catering	BIIAB	BIIAB	Level 3
601/3777/0	BSC Level 3 Award in Supervising Food Safety in Catering	British Safety Council	BSC	Level 3
-	CIEH Intermediate Certificate in Food Safety	Chartered Institute of Environmental Health	CIEH	Level 3
600/4327/1	FDQ Level 3 Award in Supervising Food Safety in Catering	FDQ Limited	FDQ	Level 3
601/2681/4	FAA Level 3 Award in Supervising Food Safety in Catering	First Aid Awards Ltd	FAA	Level 3
600/1367/9	FAQ Level 3 Award in Supervising Food Safety in Catering	Future (Awards and Qualifications) Ltd	FAQ	Level 3
603/0968/4	Highfield Level 3 Award in Supervising Food Safety at Sea (RQF)	Highfield Qualifications	Highfield Qualifications	Level 3
603/2087/4	Highfield Level 3 Award in Food Safety in Catering (RQF)	Highfield Qualifications	Highfield Qualifications	Level 3
603/1022/4	QNUK Level 3 Award in Food Safety Supervision for Catering (RQF)	Qualifications Network	QNUK	Level 3
603/0880/1	QA Level 3 Award in Supervising Food Safety in Catering (RQF)	Qualsafe Awards	QA	Level 3
-	Intermediate Food Hygiene	Royal Environmental Health Institute of Scotland	REHIS	Level 3
603/2706/6	SafeCert Level 3 Award in Supervising Food Safety in Catering (RQF)	SafeCert Awards	SafeCert	Level 3
601/2990/6	TQUK Level 3 Award in Supervising Food Safety in Catering (RQF)	Training Qualifications UK Ltd	TQUK	Level 3



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

<b>Ofqual Number (where applicable)</b>	<b>Qualification Title</b>	<b>Owner Organisation Name</b>	<b>Owner Organisation (Short Name)</b>	<b>Qualification level</b>
600/1368/0	FAQ Level 4 Award in Managing Food Safety in Catering	Future (Awards and Qualifications) Ltd	FAQ	Level 4
500/7327/8	Highfield Level 4 Award in Managing Food Safety in Catering (RQF)	Highfield Qualifications	Highfield Qualifications	Level 4
-	Diploma in Advanced Food Hygiene	Royal Environmental Health Institute of Scotland	REHIS	Level 4
603/2407/7	RSPH Level 4 Award in Managing Food Safety and Hygiene	Royal Society for Public Health	RSPH	Level 4
601/3364/8	TQUK Level 4 Award in Food Safety Management for Catering (RQF)	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 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, 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 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 the 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/hygiene courses at Levels 2 and 3. These are listed above in the tables given in section 3.

4.3 The table below lists the qualifications for the CIEH courses that are no longer available and were discontinued on the certification end date shown in the last column of the table below. The MCA will continue to accept these certificates issued before the certification end date shown below.

<b>Qualification Number</b>	<b>CIEH Qualification title</b>	<b>Level</b>	<b>Certification End Date</b>
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 has 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). Applicants holding one of the certificates listed below can use it when applying for their Ship's Cook Certificate of Competency, provided it is issued before the certificate end date.

Qualification Number	Qualification Title	Owner Organisation Name	Owner Organisation (Short Name)	Certificate End Date
601/1327/3	ABC Level 2 Award In Food Safety in Catering (QCF)	ABC Awards	ABC	31 March 2015
500/6524/5	ASCENTIS Level 2 Award in Practical Food Safety in Catering (QCF)	Ascentis	Ascentis	28 February 2015
500/6530/0	ASCENTIS Level 3 Award in Practical Supervision of Food Safety in Catering (QCF)	Ascentis	Ascentis	28 February 2015
100/6227/0	OCNW Level 2 Award in Practical Food Safety in Catering	Ascentis	Ascentis	30 September 2011
100/6228/2	OCNW Level 3 Award in Practical Supervision of Food Safety in Catering	Ascentis	Ascentis	30 September 2012
500/5470/3	CIEH Level 4 Award in Managing Food Safety in Catering (QCF)	Chartered Institute of Environmental Health	CIEH	21 July 2017
500/5475/2	CIEH Level 3 Award in Supervising Food Safety in Catering (QCF)	Chartered Institute of Environmental Health	CIEH	23 June 2017
500/5476/4	CIEH Level 2 Award in Food Safety in Catering (QCF)	Chartered Institute of Environmental Health	CIEH	23 June 2017
500/1506/0	CIEH Level 4 Award in Managing Food Safety in Catering	Chartered Institute of Environmental Health	CIEH	30 November 2011
100/6075/3	CIEH Level 3 Award in Supervising Food Safety in Catering	Chartered Institute of Environmental Health	CIEH	30 November 2011
600/0473/3	CIEH Level 2 Award in Practical Food Safety for Catering (QCF)	Chartered Institute of Environmental Health	CIEH	31 March 2017



500/5910/5	City & Guilds Level 3 Award in Supervising Food Safety in Catering (QCF)	City and Guilds of London Institute	City & Guilds	31 December 2017
100/6200/2	City & Guilds Level 2 Award in Food Safety for Catering	City and Guilds of London Institute	City & Guilds	31 March 2013
100/6201/4	City & Guilds Level 3 Award in Supervising Food Safety for Catering	City and Guilds of London Institute	City & Guilds	31 March 2014
600/4326/X	FDQ Level 3 Award In Practical Supervision of Food Safety in Catering (QCF)	FDQ Limited	FDQ	30 September 2015
601/1058/2	Gateway Qualifications Level 2 Award In Food Safety in Catering	Gateway Qualifications Limited	Gateway Qualifications	31 December 2017
500/8461/6	McDonalds Level 3 Award in Supervising Food Safety in Catering (QCF)	McDonalds	McDonalds	30 April 2017
500/6195/1	NCFE Level 3 Award in Practical Food Safety Supervision for Catering (QCF)	NCFE	NCFE	30 June 2016
500/6210/4	NCFE Level 2 Award in Practical Food Safety for Catering (QCF)	NCFE	NCFE	31 December 2015
100/6220/8	NCFE Level 2 Award in Practical Food Safety in Catering	NCFE	NCFE	31 August 2011
100/6221/X	NCFE Level 3 Award in Practical Supervision of Food Safety in Catering	NCFE	NCFE	31 August 2012
500/6260/8	Pearson EDI Level 2 Award in Food Safety in Catering (QCF)	Pearson EDI	Pearson EDI	30 September 2016
500/6261/X	Pearson EDI Level 2 Award in Practical Food Safety in Catering (QCF)	Pearson EDI	Pearson EDI	30 September 2016
500/6266/9	Pearson EDI Level 3 Award in Practical Food Safety Supervision for Catering (QCF)	Pearson EDI	Pearson EDI	31 December 2016
100/5858/8	EDI Level 2 Award in Practical Food Safety in Catering	Pearson EDI	Pearson EDI	31 August 2011
100/5859/X	EDI Level 3 Award in Practical Supervision of Food Safety in Catering	Pearson EDI	Pearson EDI	30 November 2011
500/1684/2	EDI Level 2 Award in Food Safety in Catering	Pearson EDI	Pearson EDI	30 June 2011



600/3290/X	Pearson BTEC Level 3 Award in Supervising Food Safety in Catering	Pearson Education Ltd	Pearson	30 June 2017
600/3291/1	Pearson BTEC Level 4 Award in Managing Food Safety in Catering	Pearson Education Ltd	Pearson	30 June 2017
601/1145/8	Pearson BTEC Level 2 Award in Practical Food Safety in Catering (QCF)	Pearson Education Ltd	Pearson	31 March 2016
600/5460/8	Qualifi Level 2 Award in Food Safety for Food Handlers (VRQ)	Qualifi Ltd	QUALIFI	31 July 2015
600/3918/8	QNUK Level 2 Award in Food Safety in Catering (QCF)	Qualifications Network	QNUK	31 December 2016
600/8920/9	QA Level 2 Award in Food Safety in Catering (QCF)	Qualsafe Awards	QA	05 March 2018
500/1924/7	RIPH Level 4 Award in Managing Food Safety in Catering	Royal Institute of Public Health	RIPH	30 November 2011
100/1584/X	RIPH Advanced Certificate in Food Safety	Royal Institute of Public Health	RIPH	31 December 2009
500/1637/4	RIPH Level 3 Award in Supervising Food Safety in Catering	Royal Institute of Public Health	RIPH	30 November 2011
500/3768/7	RSPH Level 2 Award in Food Safety in Catering (QCF)	Royal Society for Public Health	RSPH	31 December 2010
500/5480/6	RSPH Level 2 Award in Food Safety in Catering	Royal Society for Public Health	RSPH	31 May 2018
500/5483/1	RSPH Level 3 Award in Supervising Food Safety in Catering	Royal Society for Public Health	RSPH	31 May 2018
500/5484/3	RSPH Level 4 Award in Managing Food Safety in Catering	Royal Society for Public Health	RSPH	31 July 2018
100/5848/5	RSPH Level 4 Award in Managing Food Safety in Catering	Royal Society for Public Health	RSPH	31 December 2011
100/5823/0	RSPH Level 2 Award in Food Safety in Catering	Royal Society for Public Health	RSPH	30 November 2010



100/5824/2	RSPH Level 3 Award in Supervising Food Safety in Catering	Royal Society for Public Health	RSPH	30 November 2011
601/8306/8	RSPH Level 2 Foundation Award in Food Hygiene	Royal Society for Public Health	RSPH	31 July 2018

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