

UK MCA Engineering Fishing Certificates of Competency

Fishing vessels over 750kW (Approx. 1005 HP) must carry two engineers, a Chief Engineer holding a Fishing Class 1 and a Second Engineer holding a Fishing Class 2. This is regardless of the vessel's length, tonnage or area of operation.

Class 2

In order to be issued with a class 2 CoC, you must be at least 19 years old.

Short Course Requirements

- 1. STCW Advanced Fire Fighting or MNTB/DoT 4 Day Fire Fighting
- 2. STCW Medical First Aid or MNTB/DoT First Aid at Sea
- 3. STCW Personal Survival Techniques or Basic Sea Survival

Sea Service Requirements

Option 1

30 Months qualifying sea service in an engineering capacity on fishing vessels 100kW (134HP) or more.

Option 2

A full engineering apprenticeship and 6 months qualifying sea service in an engineering capacity on fishing vessels 100kW or more.

Option 3

A full engineering apprenticeship followed by 3 months in the Royal Navy or Merchant Navy and 3 months sea service on fishing vessels 100kW or more.

Option 4

An approved course of instruction of at least 6 weeks duration on the operation and maintenance of machinery found in fishing vessels plus 24 months qualifying service in an engineering capacity on fishing vessels 100kW or more.

To be issued with the Notice of Eligibility you must submit:

- 1. Fully completed application form (please use the Merchant Navy form MSF 4275 and write Class 2 fishing at the top)
- 2. Fee of £220
- 3. Evidence of sea service* (See note below)
- 4. Proof of identity MCA attested copy of passport

To be issued with the CoC you must submit:

- 1. Short course certificates as listed above
- 2. Oral Exam 'Pass'

^{*} We can accept a single form of evidence in the form of a company letter/testimonial confirming the name and details of the vessel, period of signed on service, and any periods of absence. Testimonials covering long periods of time should confirm a work rota.

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Class 1

In order to be issued with a class 1 CoC, you must follow Conversion Route J3 in MIN 642. At the end of this process you should receive a Class 1 Fishing licence as well as an STCW Small Vessel Chief Engineer III/2 licence.

Short Course Requirements

The short course requirements are listed in full in section **6.2 of MSN 1904**. This section makes note of optional courses as well as those that require updated training to be completed.

Sea Service Requirements

A minimum of 24 months seagoing service whilst holding class 2 on fishing vessels of at least 350kW which must include 6 months of seagoing service on fishing vessels of at least 750kW.

Written Examinations

- Marine Diesel Engineering
- Auxiliary Equipment Parts I & II
- General Engineering Science I & II
- Chief Engineer Statutory and Operational Requirements
- Applied Marine Engineering
- Operational Procedures, Basic Hotel Services and Ship Construction

To be issued with the Notice of Eligibility you must submit:

- 1. Fully completed application form MSF 4900, noting your conversion route on page 4
- 2. Fee of £220
- 3. Evidence of sea service* (See note below)
- 4. Proof of identity MCA attested copy of passport
- 5. Class 2 fishing CoC

To be issued with the CoC you must submit:

- 1. Short course certificates as listed in MSN 1904
- 2. Written Examination passes
- 3. Oral Exam 'Pass'

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