



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, Crew Agents, Officers, Seafarers and other ship board 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.

This notice is guidance of the current courses available at the date of issue of this notice and applies to pre-qualification for issue of a Ship's Cook certificate of competency.

The same learning outcomes (Annex 1 of MSN 1846(M)) apply for stewards, temporary support staff or other persons processing food in the galley, but these personnel are not required to hold the qualifications listed, as it is expected that they would be working under qualified supervision.

1. Introduction

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



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 hold a qualification attesting these learning outcomes and 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 |
|---|---|--|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| 603/2594/X | QA Level 2 Award in Food Safety in Catering (RQF) | Qualsafe Awards | QA | Level 2 |
| 603/4311/4 | QA Level 2 Award in Food Safety (Refresher) (RQF) | Qualsafe Awards | QA | Level 2 |
| - | Elementary Food Hygiene | Royal Environmental Health Institute of Scotland | REHIS | Level 2 |
| 600/8219/7 | AIM Qualifications Level 2 Award in Food Safety in Catering | AIM Awards | AIM | Level 2 |
| 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 of Guilds of London Institute | City & Guilds | 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 |
| 500/8419/7 | FDQ Level 2 Award in Food Safety for Catering | FDQ Ltd | FDQ | Level 2 |
| 601/8269/6 | GA Level 2 Award in Food Safety for Catering (RQF) | Gatehouse Awards | GA | Level 2 |



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| 603/0967/2 | Highfield Level 2 Award in Food Safety at Sea (RQF) | Highfield Qualifications | Highfield Qualifications | Level 2 |
| 603/4937/2 | Highfield Level 2 Award in Food Safety for 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 | iQ | Level 2 |
| 601/7793/7 | iCQ Level 2 Award in Maintaining Food Safety when Storing, Preparing and Cooking Food (RQF) | iCan Qualifications | iQ | Level 2 |
| 600/2214/0 | iQ Level 2 Award In Food Safety in Catering | iCan 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) | Qualification Network | QNUK | 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 | Skills First 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

| Qualification Number (where applicable) | Qualification Title | Owner Organisation Name | Owner Organisation (Short Name) | Qualification Level |
|---|--|---|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| 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 |
| 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 |



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| 600/4327/1 | FDQ Level 3 Award in Supervising Food Safety in Catering | FDQ Ltd | FDQ | Level 3 |
| 603/4942/6 | Highfield Level 3 Award in Food Safety for Catering (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 |
| 603/0968/4 | Highfield Level 3 Award in Supervising Food Safety at Sea (RQF) | Highfield Qualifications | Highfield Qualifications | Level 3 |
| 603/0880/1 | QA Level 3 Award in Supervising Food Safety in Catering (RQF) | Qualsafe Awards | QA | Level 3 |
| 603/1022/4 | QNUK Level 3 Award in Food Safety Supervision for Catering (RQF) | Qualifications Network | QNUK | Level 3 |
| - | Intermediate Food Hygiene | Royal Environmental Health Institute of Scotland | REHIS | Level 3 |
| 603/2396/6 | RSPH Level 3 Award in Supervising Food Safety and Hygiene | Royal Society for Public Health | RSPH | 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**

| Qualification Number (where applicable) | Qualification Title | Owner Organisation Name | Owner Organisation (Short Name) | Qualification Level |
|---|---|--|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| 600/1368/0 | FAQ Level 4 Award in Managing Food Safety in Catering | Future (Awards and Qualifications) Ltd | FAQ | Level 4 |
| - | Diploma in Advanced Food Hygiene | Royal Environmental Health Institute of Scotland | REHIS | Level 4 |
| 500/7327/8 | Highfield Level 4 Award in Managing Food Safety in Catering (RQF) | Highfield Qualifications | Highfield Qualifications | Level 4 |
| 603/2407/7 | RSPH Level 4 Award in Managing Food Safety and Hygiene | Royal Society for Public Health | RSPH | Level 4 |

3.2 We do not recognise on-line food safety / hygiene courses as meeting the assessment criteria and learning outcomes set out in Annex 1 of Merchant Shipping Notice MSN 1846 (M) for the Ship's Cook certificate of competency.

4. Chartered Institute of Environmental Health (CIEH)

4.1 The Chartered Institute of Environmental Health (CIEH) have not been a regulated awarding organisation since withdrawing from the regulatory structure used by Ofqual, Qualifications Wales (QiW), and Council for the Curriculum, Examination, and Assessment (CCEA) in 2016.



4.2 CIEH regulate, approve, accredit and monitor their own food safety/ hygiene courses at Levels 2 and 3, under the provisions of the CIEH Charter. These are listed within 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.

| 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 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 |



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| 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 |



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| 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 |
| 601/4956/5 | AoFAQ Level 3 Award in Supervising Food Safety in Catering (RQF) | Awarding Organisation for Accredited Qualifications | AOFAQ | 31 December 2018 |
| 601/3364/8 | TQUK Level 4 Award in Food Safety Management for Catering (RQF) | Training Qualifications UK Ltd | TQUK | 28 February 2019 |
| 603/2033/3 | Highfield Level 2 Award in Food Safety in Catering (RQF) | Highfield Qualifications | Highfield Qualifications | 31 December 2019 |



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