



Application for a UK Flag State Endorsement

This form is for non-UK qualified Officers who wish to work on UK registered commercial vessels

Important: Please [check our FSE List](#) to see if we can accept your national CoC. If your CoC contains near-coastal limitations, these are generally included on the FSE as near-coastal to the country that issued the CoC

1. Personal Details

For details on how we use your information and your data rights, please see our online [privacy policy](#)

Title (Mr, Mrs, Miss, Capt. etc)	
Surname/Family Name	
First Name(s) in full	
Date of Birth (DD/MM/YYYY)	
Sex (male/female)	
Place of Birth	
Country of Birth	
Nationality	

2. Delivery Address

If this is a company application, please give the company's office address (**not** the seafarer's home address)

Company Name (optional)	
Address Line 1	
Address Line 2 (optional)	
Town/City	
County/State/Province	
Postcode/ZIP/PIN	
Country	
Contact Telephone Number	
Email Address (capital letters)	

3. Supporting Documents – All applicants

To prevent delays in processing this application, please include all of the following:

- Non-UK STCW **Certificate of Competency** including any Annexes/Endorsements

Enter Highest CoC Capacity (or lower rank if required):	
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- Passport or discharge book** (identity page only)
- Passport-quality colour **photo**
- Completed **seafarer signature page** ([available to download here](#))

Please also include any of the following **optional certificates** you would like us to endorse:

- Non-UK **GMDSS** GOC/ROC
- Basic Oil and Chemical** tanker endorsement
- Basic Gas** tanker endorsement
- Advanced Oil** tanker endorsement
- Advanced Chemical** tanker endorsement
- Advanced Gas** tanker endorsement
- Basic IGF** Certificate of Proficiency
- Advanced IGF** Certificate of Proficiency

4. English Language – First time applicants only

For applicants who have never held a full UK FSE/CEC before, you need to satisfy the MCA that you are competent in English. Proof of English is **not** required for a Fishing FSE

Guidance on the various options is available at: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/apply-for-a-FSE-for-deck-and-engineer-officers#evidence-of-knowledge-of-the-english-language>

- Applicant holds a **CoC for which proof of English is not required**
- Company-based English Assessment** or **company letter in lieu of TOSE** – please attach letter
- Applicant has **formal English Language qualification(s)** which the MCA accepts – please attach
- Applicant wishes to take the **online MCA English Language Test**

Marlins English Language Test **must** be taken at an [approved test centre](#)

Marlins English Language Test **must** be accompanied by a) TOSE **or** b) Company letter in lieu of TOSE

5. UKLAP1 Exam – Masters/Skippers only

Masters/Skippers of UK flagged vessels must pass a UKLAP grade 1 test (Irish CoC holders are exempt)

- Applicant is revalidating an existing UK Master/Skipper FSE – proof of UKLAP1 is **not** needed
- Applicant has passed UKLAP1 and is attaching the **MCA NOA Pass or SQA certificate**

In all other cases, we will issue a Notice of Assessment (NOA) by email for the applicant to sit the exam

6. US Coastguard CoC holders only

If you hold a USCG 500GT or 3000GT (International Tonnage) CoC, you will need to pass a MCA oral exam. Please see: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/apply-for-a-FSE-for-deck-and-engineer-officers#us-coastguard>

Enter MCA Oral Exam Required:	
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7. Application Fee

You must pay the applicable fee (as laid down in the current Merchant Shipping Fees regulations) **at the point of applying**. Payment should be made in pound sterling (GBP £) by bank transfer or by debit/credit card online (links below). Companies with a MCA rolling account should ensure there are sufficient funds to cover the fee

The application fee is **non-refundable** unless we reject/you withdraw this application because it does not meet the preliminary criteria for a detailed assessment (partial refund of £50)

<input type="checkbox"/> Company application (dispatched in batches to the company office)

<input type="checkbox"/> Individual with a UK delivery address
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£109.00

https://www.gov.uk/payments/seafarer-training-courses/flag-state-endorsement-application

<input type="checkbox"/> Individual with a EU/EEA delivery address
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£129.00

https://www.gov.uk/payments/seafarer-training-courses/flag-state-endorsement-application-eu

<input type="checkbox"/> Individual with a Rest of World delivery address

£139.00

https://www.gov.uk/payments/seafarer-training-courses/flag-state-endorsement-application-row

If you wish to pay by **bank transfer**: please email seafarer.finance@mcga.gov.uk for our bank details

For companies with a MCA rolling account, we will withdraw the applicable fee from:

Enter Rolling Account Number	
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To top-up your MCA rolling account via Gov.UK Pay, please visit:

<https://www.gov.uk/payments/seafarer-training-courses/fse-application-rolling-account-top-up>

8. Submitting Your Application

Please email this form + seafarer signature page + supporting documents to: fse@mcga.gov.uk

- Please include files as attachments to the email itself (or within a .zip folder)
- We **cannot** open links to SharePoint or file-sharing services (for example OneDrive, Google Drive etc.)
- Please send us everything in **one email** (only include documents we need and keep photo/scan resolutions reasonable)
- Companies can apply on behalf of a seafarer but the seafarer must be the one who signs the seafarer signature form. Companies should also include a completed **CRA** (not available for Fishing applications)