

# Maritime Caterer Apprenticeship

<b>Qualification</b>	Level 2 Maritime Caterer including Award in Maritime Studies STCW safety.
<b>Based at</b>	National Maritime Training Centre, North Kent College, Gravesend.
<b>Length of apprenticeship</b>	Level 2 over 2 years including time spent at sea. Attendance at NMTC in block release (approximately 3x4 weeks).
<b>Entry requirements</b>	You will need to pass the medical entry requirements as defined in MCA regulations (i.e. the ENGI Seafarer Medical Certificate) before starting the apprenticeship. GCSE maths and English grade 3 (D).
<b>Description</b>	<p>A maritime caterer works as a member of the hospitality/hotel services department on board ships and vessels of different types and sizes, preparing, cooking and baking various dishes for passengers and/or crew.</p> <p>The role includes food purchase and storage; budgeting and menu planning specific to the needs of crew and passengers; and food storage for the fresh produce on board. Customer service is an important part of the role, along with a range of shipboard safety duties and responsibilities.</p> <p>A maritime caterer will work a shift rota, as determined by the vessel operations, often working alongside other ratings and seafarers from a range of different nationalities.</p> <p>Basic seafarer safety and the work on board must comply with international and national requirements.</p> <p>Individual employers will determine their own selection criteria and will need to be confident that you have the aptitude and ability to learn and develop the required practical skills and competences, and to work in a multicultural environment on board a vessel, which may be away from home for extended periods of time.</p>
<b>Assessment methods</b>	End point assessment - to be advised.
<b>Maths &amp; English content</b>	You will take additional English and maths to level 2 if not already achieved, before being able to take the end point assessment.
<b>Progression options</b>	This qualification could lead on to becoming an onboard Chef, Ship's Cook or Catering/Bar Manager.
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