

Officer of the Watch Apprenticeship

Qualification	Level 3, Pathway 3: Officer of the Watch on Merchant Vessels of less than 500 gross tonnage (near coastal) including tugs.
Based at	National Maritime Training Centre, North Kent College, Gravesend.
Length of apprenticeship	Level 3 over 2 years including time spent at sea. Final sea time requirements specified by the MCA. Attendance at NMTC in block release. Blended Learning (approximately 12x1 week).
Entry requirements	GCSE grades 4-9 (C-A*) in English, maths, a science based subject and at least one other and a willingness to spend periods away from home on board a vessel as required.
Description	<p>Assisting with bridge watchkeeping duties, steering and maintaining a course, mooring anchoring and securing operations, following safe and environmentally friendly working practices.</p> <p>Units include: Vessel Navigation and Tides, Ship Construction, Chartwork and Tides, Contribute to Vessel Stability and Watertight Integrity, Control Vessel Mooring, Anchoring and Securing Operations, Interpret Meteorology in the Near Coastal Area, Respond to Navigational Emergencies. Optional Unit: Control Tug Operations.</p>
Assessment methods	SQA Unit Assessments - STCW required courses.
Maths & English content	You will take additional English and maths if not already achieved GCSE grade 4 (C) or above, before being able to take the end point assessment.
Progression options	Mate on board vessels less than 500 gross tonnage (near coastal) including tugs. Master of a vessel less than 500 gross tonnage (near coastal) including tugs. Foundation degree in nautical studies.
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