

Able Seafarer **Deck Rating Level 2 SQA Certificate**



Duration: over two years including time spent at sea

Overview of role

This Apprenticeship is based at National Maritime Training Centre, North Kent College, Gravesend Campus

An Able Seafarer (Deck) works as a member of the navigation department on board ships and vessels of different types and sizes, carrying out watchkeeping duties; maintaining the safety and security of the vessel, cargo and personnel on board; and undertaking a range of practical seafarer skills covering ropework, anchoring and mooring activities and operations. An able seafarer will work a shift rota over a twenty four hour time period. He/she will work on his or her own and as a member of a team - which is likely to include seafarers from a range of different nationalities. He/she must adhere to safe and environmentally responsible working practices and international regulations, without endangering themselves, others or the marine environment and will have a range of security duties. An able seafarer must be able to work safely in enclosed spaces and at heights, and must also be able to respond to vessel emergencies; administer emergency first aid; carry out fire prevention and firefighting duties; be able to use survival techniques in the water; and be able to operate survival craft and rescue boats. The qualifications and certification achieved by an able seafarer means he/she will be able to work on board any type and size of ship in any part of the world. Seafarer regulations are set by the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) and are known as the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping (STCW) and are put into effect in the UK by the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA). New and existing staff who require training to progress into careers in both large and small companies in the maritime industry. Individual employers will determine their own selection criteria and will need to be confident that potential apprentices have the aptitude and ability to assimilate the learning 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.

Entry requirements

Apprentices will need to be able to pass the medical entry requirements as defined in MCA regulations (i.e. the ENG1 Seafarer Medical Certificate) before starting the apprenticeship. GCSE maths and English grade 3 (D) Level 1 Functional Skills Apprentices will take additional maths and English to Level 2 before being able to take the end point assessment.