



Bord Iascaigh Mhara
Irish Sea Fisheries Board

Careers at Sea



A Guide to Training
Aquaculture

Entry Requirements

- EU Citizen*
- At least sixteen years of age
- Candidates are required to obtain a Declaration of Fitness (from their local G.P.) to undertake this course
- Leaving Certificate, or equivalent qualification and/or relevant life and work experience
- Candidates are selected by interview

QQI Introduction to Aquaculture 3N0925

- Introduction to Aquaculture 3N0925:
 - Describe the lifecycle of an Aqua species
 - Grow aquatic species from seed/ova
 - Make an assessment of water quality
 - Feed a specific species over time
 - Maintain the environment for the growth of an aquatic species
 - Record data
 - Maintain a safe working environment
 - Work as a member of a team
 - ***BIM runs this course in conjunction with Connacht Education Training Alliance.***

QQI Level 5 Certificate in Aquaculture

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Mandatory Modules

Award Code	Award	Level	Credit Value
5N5285	Shellfish Ongrowing Operations	5	15
5N5286	Finfish Ongrowing Operations	5	15
5N1794	Safety and Health at Work	5	15
5N5206	Aquaculture Hatchery Production	5	15

A minimum credit value of 15 from the following components

Award Code	Award	Level	Credit Value
4N1125	Information Technology Skills	4	10
4N1112	Computer Applications	4	10
5N0690	Communications	5	15

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Award Code	Award	Level	Credit Value
5N1433	Work Practice	5	15
5N1356	Work Experience	5	15

A minimum credit value of 30 from the following components

Award Code	Award	Level	Credit Value
5N5069	Marine Engine Operations	5	15
5N5288	Seafood Hygiene Management	5	15
5N1608	Engineering Workshop Practices	5	15
5N5088	Work Boat Handling	5	15
5N4628	Marine Engineering Processes	5	15

* In accordance with present legislation, priority is given to applicants who are EEA Nationals and those who have refugee status in Ireland. Non-EEA Nationals are welcome to apply. However they will be required to pay fees. Non-EEA Nationals will also be responsible for obtaining a visa and any other necessary documentation in advance of the course.

Qualification

- QQI Record of Achievement
- QQI Certificate in Aquaculture

Duration

- QQI Foundation module may be completed in 40 hours training
- QQI Certificate in Aquaculture takes 4 months if taken full-time or approximately two years through part-time study.

Further Information

Some modules are common to the QQI Certificate in Commercial Fishing to facilitate transfer between the catching and fish farming sectors.

Entry to the National University of Ireland's Bachelor of Science in Applied Freshwater and Marine Biology (Code GA770) is now available as a progression option from the QQI Certificate in Aquaculture.

Please check the following websites:

www.bim.ie
www.QQI.ie

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