



Bord Iascaigh Mhara  
Irish Sea Fisheries Board

# Careers at Sea



## A Guide to Training Commercial Fishing



**WAVING OR DROWNING?**

**LIVE TO TELL THE TALE.  
ALWAYS WEAR YOUR LIFEJACKET.**



No good fisherman plans to end up in the water. Wearing the new GPS-enabled lifejacket means you can be found - and found alive - the day things don't go to plan. It's the difference between being lost or found.

## 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
- Keen interest in seagoing and fishing career
- Leaving Certificate, or equivalent qualification and/or relevant life and work experience.
- Candidates selected by interview

## QQI Certificate in Commercial Fishing

**The total credit value required for this certificate is 120. This will be achieved by completing:**

Code	Title	Level	Credit Value
<b>All of the following component(s)</b>			
5N5074	Fishing Gear Maintenance and Repair	5	15
5N5071	Care of the Catch	5	15
5N5070	Fishing Vessel Operations	5	15
5N4629	Navigation and Stability	5	15
5N1794	Safety and Health at Work	5	15
<b>A minimum credit value of 15 from the following component(s)</b>			
5N0972	Customer Service	5	15
5N1367	Teamworking	5	15
5N1390	Personal Effectiveness	5	15
5N0690	Communications	5	15
<b>A minimum credit value of 15 from the following component(s)</b>			
5N1356	Work Experience	5	15
5N1433	Work Practice	5	15
<b>A minimum credit value of 15 from the following component(s)</b>			
5N1608	Engineering Workshop Processes	5	15
5N5089	Fishing Gear Construction	5	15
5N5069	Marine Engine Operations	5	15
5N5088	Work Boat Handling	5	15

Students complete a supervised work module on board BIM's Training Vessel MFV "Lough Swilly".

## Qualifications

- A QQI National Vocational Certificate in Commercial Fishing is awarded to students who successfully complete at least eight (8) modules.
- A QQI Record of Achievement may be awarded to students who successfully complete individual modules.

\* In accordance with present legislation, priority is given to applicants who are EEA National 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.

## Duration

A full-time Commercial Fishing Certificate course lasts 6 months which includes practical skills in the net loft and on the trawler deck. IT training in the classroom combined with hands-on experience onboard the MFV “Lough Swilly” is also carried out.

## Further Information

Candidates are welcome to complete individual modules to enhance their employment opportunities.

Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport approved certificates in Personal Techniques and Elementary First Aid are awarded in addition to BIM’s Safety Training Card and GMDSS Radio Short Range Certificate Module 1.

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

## Please check the following websites:

[www.bim.ie](http://www.bim.ie)

[www.QQI.ie](http://www.QQI.ie)

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