



Bord Iascaigh Mhara
Irish Sea Fisheries Board

Careers at Sea



A Guide to Training Skippers



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.

Minimum number of qualified Deck Officers to be carried on a fishing vessel

Fishing Area	Vessel Length	Skipper Full	Second Hand Full	Skipper Limited	Second Hand Limited	Second Hand Special
Unlimited	≥100 metres	1	3 or	3		
Unlimited	50 metres to < 100 metres	1	2 or	2		
Unlimited	< 50 metres	1	1 or	1		
Limited	≥100 metres	1	1or	1	1 or	1
Limited	50 metres to < 100 metres			1	2 or	2
Limited	24 metres to < 50 metres			1	1 or	1
Limited	17 metres to < 24 metres					1

≥ Greater than or equal to < Less than

Entry Requirements for Certificate of Competency Training

- EU Citizen*
- At least eighteen years of age
- Colour and Form Vision Eye Test Certificate
- Sea Service as indicated in the table below

Entry Requirements	Class of Certificate	Second Hand Limited	Second Hand Full	Skipper Full
	Age	18	18	19
	Sea Service	Two years sea service in vessels of 12 metres + (in the previous ten years).	Two years sea service in vessels of 12 metres (in the previous ten years).	One year sea service in charge of a navigational watch.
	Eye Test	Yes	Yes	Yes
Ancillary Certificates Requirements	Personal Survival Techniques (up to date)	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Marine Fire Fighting (up to date)	3 Days	3 Days	5 Days
	First Aid (up to date)	Yes	Yes	Yes
	GMDSS Radio	Long Range Certificate	GMDSS General Operators Certificate	GMDSS General Operators Certificate
	Electronic Navigation	Electronic Navigation Systems	Electronic Navigation Systems	Navigation Control Course

* 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.

Second Hand Limited Certificate Course Subjects

- Chartwork
- Signals
- Meteorology
- Collision Regulations and Safety Orals

Second Hand Full Certificate Course Subjects

- Chartwork
- Navigation
- Fishing Vessel Construction and Stability
- Meteorology
- Collision Regulations and Safety Orals
- Signals

Skipper Full Certificate Course Subjects

- Navigation I
- Navigation II (Electronic Navigation & Computers)
- Ship Construction and Stability
- Meteorology and Oceanography
- Collision Regulations and Safety Orals
- Business and Law

Sea Service

See Entry Requirements Table on Page 2.

Qualifications

Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport Deck Officer (Fishing Vessel) Certificate of Competency are issued following successful completion of training, sea service and written and oral examinations.

Examinations:

Candidates must complete their ancillary Certificates and written examination before they will be accepted for their oral examinations by the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport (DTTAS). Examinations are carried out by BIM on behalf of DTTAS to the award of a certificate of Competency as a Deck Officer. BIM holds the written examinations at the National Fisheries College of Ireland, Greencastle, Co. Donegal and the National Fisheries College of Ireland, Castletownbere, Co. Cork.

Duration

The Second Hand Limited programme takes approximately 10 to 12 weeks full time study.

The Second Hand Full takes approximately 16 weeks full time study.

The Skipper Full programme takes approximately 14 weeks full time attendance.

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Who to contact at BIM

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