



SEAFARER (DECK RATING)

APPRENTICESHIP

An Apprenticeship is a job with an accompanying skills development programme under an Apprenticeship Agreement designed by employers in the sector. It allows the apprentice to gain technical knowledge and real practical experience, along with functional and personal skills, required for their immediate job and future career. These are acquired through a mix of learning in the workplace, formal off the job training and the opportunity to practice and embed new skills in a real work context.

ABOUT THIS APPRENTICESHIP

This is a level 2 (Intermediate) Apprenticeship. A Seafarer (Deck Rating) works as a member of the navigation department on board ships and vessels of different types and sizes, carrying out the following tasks:

- 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,
- administering first aid
- carrying out fire prevention and firefighting duties
- operating survival craft and rescue boats
- anchoring and mooring activities and operations

You'll work a shift rota both on your own and as part of a team and must be able to work safely in enclosed spaces and at heights and respond to vessel emergencies.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You must be physically fit and able to pass the ENG1 medical requirements for a Deck Rating, including lookout duties. This test includes, but is not limited to, severe deafness or difficulty communicating by radio or telephone, eyesight or colour vision that does not meet standards and conditions that limit mobility and stamina.

Beyond this, employers will determine their own selection criteria but should satisfy themselves that you can meet the vocational requirements of their apprenticeship.

You must be committed and willing to work away from home. With this qualification you'll be able to work on any type and size of ship - anywhere in the world.

COURSE CONTENT

You'll undertake a mix of classroom, practical and on the job training, including:

- Functional skills in literacy and numeracy
- Employer Rights and Responsibilities and Personal Learning and Thinking Skills
- Survival in the water during maritime emergencies
- Emergency first aid in response to maritime accidents or medical emergencies
- Maritime security
- Maritime sector overview
- Maritime employment environmental health and safety practice
- Vessel fire prevention and firefighting
- Vessel ropework anchoring and mooring operations
- Assisting with and securing a vessel for passage
- Vessel construction and stability
- Basic vessel watchkeeping
- Control Operation of Survival Craft and Rescue Boats
- Enclosed Spaces
- Designated Security Duties
- Efficient Deck Hand



HOW TO APPLY

To join this apprenticeship programme, you will need to be employed by a relevant company, where you will carry out the 'on the job' elements of the programme.

We work with the following employers on this apprenticeship. If you are interested in being a Seafarer (Deck Rating), here's how to apply:

Stena Line Visit the careers page at www.stenaline.com/career/
Vacancies are advertised in September for October/November start dates

James Fisher Email your CV and a covering letter to p.jewell@james-fisher.co.uk

AW Crewing Email your CV and a covering letter to tp@awcrewing.com

FIND OUT MORE

Our course

More information

The Apprenticeship Standard

fleetwoodnautical.blackpool.ac.uk/course/on00001

apprenticeshipguide.co.uk/able-seafarer-apprenticeship/

instituteofapprenticeships.org/apprenticeship-standards/seafarer-deck-rating-v1-1

