

Course Information

Signals Preparation – Online

Course Cost

£165 including MCA Signals exam.

Entry Requirements

This course is a required element of the training needed for obtaining the UK Officer of the Watch Certificate of Competency. You can read about the requirements in [para. 3.2 of Merchant Shipping Notice \(MSN\) 1856 Amendment 1](#).

Duration

Learners should be able to complete the online learning material and formative assessments within 3-6 months of enrolment and must book their MCA Signals exam within the same year. All enrolments will end on 31st July of the year of enrolment. The maximum enrolment period is one academic year. Please note that the exam takes place on campus at Fleetwood Nautical Campus, half day is required AM or PM. You will need to attend to undertake this.

Aim of course

This online course is designed to prepare you for the MCA Signals exam conducted by MCA approved examiners within the College, covering topics such as transmitting and receiving of Morse Code, identification of signal flags, understanding the single letter meaning of flags, and general communications.

This online course is for students who cannot attend the fulltime Signals course at college but wish to book and sit the MCA Signals exam.

Once enrolled, you will receive an email from the college with login details to gain access to the College virtual learning environment and the online learning materials for Signals. If the published exam dates are not suitable, there is the option of arranging an exam date at your convenience (subject to lecturer availability).

To meet the requirements for booking a MCA Signals exam at college, students must complete and pass four formative assessments and a pre-college test for Signals.

Career Options and Progression

Completion of this course, and all the other elements listed in MSN 1856 para. 3.2 will enable you to undertake the Officer of the Watch oral examination.

Instructions for course

Work through pages 1 - 6, where you will find the course content and quizzes that you should attempt before moving onto the next page.

On pages 7 and 8 you will find general practice quizzes covering Flags and Morse.

Assessment

On page 9 you will find the formative assessments.

For Signals

Signals FA1 - pass mark 70%

Signals FA2 - pass mark 70%

Signals FA3 - pass mark 70%

Timed Pre-College Test 35mins pass mark 70%

For Morse

Code and Decode Practice 1

Code and Decode Practice 2

Timed FA1 10mins

Validity of certificate

3 years, as per MSN 1856. Fleetwood Nautical Campus/Blackpool and the Fylde College is an accredited Maritime Training Centre, and this course is accredited by the United Kingdom, Maritime and Coastguard Agency.

How to Apply

Please apply for a place on this programme by sending an email to our support team [via the website](#). A copy of your passport and a second form of identification will be required to secure a place on this course. Learners can enrol at any time from 01 Aug to 31 July, each academic year.

Exam dates 2023/2024 - Please contact us for examiner availability

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Fees, Cancellation and Transfer Policy

All fees are strictly non-refundable except when the College cancels the course.

Off-Premises and Distance Contracts Only

- Your contract with the College is formed on the date of your booking. You have a statutory right to cancel or withdraw your booking. Under Regulation 30 of the Consumer Contracts (Information, Cancellation and Additional Charges) Regulations 2013 this statutory termination right ends 14 days after the day on which the contract is entered into.
- If you wish to cancel this contract, this must be received in writing by sending an email, making a clear statement setting out your decision of your intention to cancel to maritime@blackpool.ac.uk
- If the course is to commence within 14 days or less, you are making an express request for us to provide you with the course/service within the statutory cancellation period. If the course/service is provided within the statutory cancellation period and you notify the College of your decision to cancel the contract in accordance with Regulation 32, you are liable to pay the College fees in accordance with Regulation 36(4).
- Under Regulation 36(4), you must pay the College an amount: For supply of the service for the period for which it is supplied ending with the time when the College is informed of the decision to terminate the contract; and which is in proportion to what has been supplied in comparison to the full coverage of the contract.