

Purpose Statement

Open Awards Level 3 Certificate in Maritime Studies (RQF)

The primary purpose of this qualification is to support you to progress to employment or further learning in the maritime sector. This qualification is designed for learners who have a clear idea of what they want to do after their education and those who have not yet identified a specific career pathway. It is designed to give you a broad foundation of skills and knowledge that could support progression into a range of career opportunities within the maritime sector.

Who is it for?

This qualification could be for you if you are interested in a career in the maritime sector and want to progress to further study in this area. It is designed to be studied alongside other Level 3 qualifications as part of your Level 3 study programme. This qualification may also be suitable for you if you are an adult learner wishing to change career or move into a particular area of employment after a career break.

Other subjects that could be studied alongside this qualification to support progression include: maths; science; business; geography; and humanities.

What does this qualification cover?

This qualification will require you to commit to approximately 300 hours of learning.

You will be required to complete 3 mandatory units:

- Passage Planning
- Vessel Design and Construction
- The Operational and Regulatory Environment of the Maritime Sector

You will then have a choice of optional units, including:

- Practical Boat Handling Skills
- Managing a Marine Business
- Vessel Construction and Engineering
- Maritime Business – The Role of Intermediaries
- Maths and Stability at Sea

These units are designed to cover the skills and knowledge required to progress to employment or further learning in the maritime sector, including the application of key principles and practical knowledge.

What are the Entry Requirements?

This qualification is suitable for learners aged 16+

Although, not mandatory, due to the content and level of the qualification it would be helpful to have a Level 2 Maths and English qualification, or to be working towards these.

What are the Assessment Methods?

You will be required to complete a portfolio of evidence set and marked by the education provider and externally quality assured by Open Awards.

Types of evidence could include:

- a) Written assignments
- b) Practical Activities
- c) Project work
- d) Witness testimonies
- e) Group discussions

What are the Progression Opportunities?

This qualification can support progression to an apprenticeship, directly into employment or, to further learning. You will need to speak to Further Education Institutions to confirm exact entry requirements to further education courses.

Suitable further education qualifications could include:

- Level 4 Certificate In Maritime Studies: Tug Master less than 3000 gross tonnage
- Level 4 HNC Diploma in Engineering
- Level 4 Diploma in Business Management
- Level 4 NVQ in Marine Vessel Operations

Potential apprenticeship routes could include:

- Level 3 Apprenticeships in Maritime Operations Officer
- Level 3 Apprenticeship in Engineering Technician
- Level 3 Apprenticeship in Boat builder
- Level 3 Apprenticeship in Ports Marine Operations Officer

Exact progression opportunities will depend on your other Level 2 and 3 qualifications. Your school or college staff will be able to support you plan your progression routes.

Who supports this qualification?

This qualification has been designed with and is supported by a range of schools, training providers and sector specialists including: British Marine Federation; [Coventry University](#); [Falmouth Marine School](#); [Hull Trinity House Academy](#); [Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers](#); [London Nautical School](#); [Marine Learning Alliance College](#); [Maritime Skills Alliance](#); [Royal Yachting Association](#); [Shuttleworth College](#); [The Institute of Marine Engineering, Science and Technology \(IMarEST\)](#); and [Trinity House](#).