

Purpose Statement

Open Awards Level 2 Awards in Maritime Skills

The primary purpose of this qualification is to support you to progress to further learning in the maritime sector or a related subject. This qualification is designed for both learners who have a clear idea of what they want to do after their learning and those who have not yet identified your chosen 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 2 qualifications as part of your Level 2 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 is made up of 3 units which will require you to commit to approximately 81 guided learning hours.

You will be required to complete 1 mandatory unit:

- Working in the Maritime Sector

You will then complete a minimum of 6 credits from the following units:

- Basic Vessel Engineering Systems
- Vessel Repair and Maintenance
- Practical Boat Handling Skills
- Protecting the Marine Environment
- Navigation and Seamanship

These units are designed to cover the knowledge and skills required to progress to further learning in the maritime sector, including the application of practical knowledge and will, as an example, include the following learning outcomes:

- Know the components of the maritime sector and their relative economic importance
- Know key career pathways within the maritime sector
- Know the different types of vessels in common use within the maritime sector

What are the Entry Requirements?

This qualification is suitable for learners aged 14+

Although not mandatory, due to the content and level of the qualification, it would be helpful to have a Level 1 Maths and English qualification, or to be working towards these.

What are the Progression Opportunities?

This qualification can support progression to an apprenticeship, directly into employment or, if completed alongside other programmes of study, higher education.



Suitable further education qualifications could include:

- Open Awards Level 3 Certificate in Maritime Studies
- Level 3 Access to Higher Education Diploma – Maritime; Engineering; or Business

You will need to speak to Further Education Institutions to confirm exact entry requirements to further education courses.

Potential apprenticeship routes at Level 2 and 3 could include:

- Level 2 Apprenticeship in Maritime Caterer
- Level 2 Apprenticeship in Maritime Electrical / Mechanical Mechanic
- Level 3 Apprenticeships in Maritime Operations Officer
- Level 3 Apprenticeship in Ports Marine Operations Officer

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



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



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; 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.