

# Purpose Statement

## Open Awards Level 3 Diploma in Maritime Studies: Officer of the Watch on Merchant Vessels of less than 500 Gross Tonnage (Near Coastal) (RQF)

The purpose of this qualification is to confirm occupational competence on achievement, meaning that you are capable of performing the specific job role related to the qualification, along with the combination of qualifications as set out in the Apprenticeship Standard:

ST0842 Officer of the Watch (Near Coastal)

As this is an occupational competent qualification, should you wish to undertake this qualification outside of the apprenticeship route you will not be able to do so unless you have an aligned job role and access to the other certification required for this apprenticeship route.

### Who is it for?

This qualification has been designed to meet the requirements of the apprenticeship standard: ST0842 Officer of the Watch (Near Coastal). On achievement, this qualification will be included in your gateway document submission. Open Awards is currently awaiting confirmation of this qualification being added to the standard.

### What does this qualification cover?

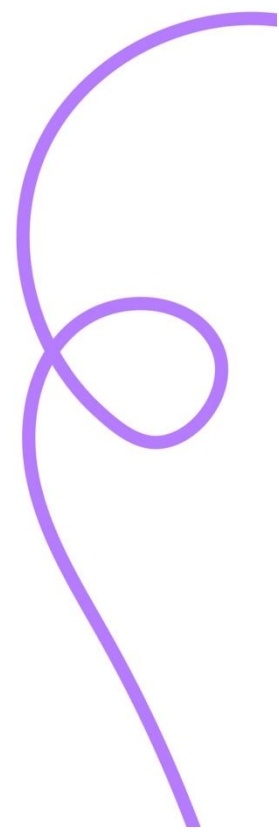
This qualification will take 390 hours to complete. You will need to complete and achieve 7 mandatory units. The unit content covers essential areas of competency which are:

- Ship Construction
- Chartwork and Tides
- Contribute to Vessel Stability and Watertight Integrity
- Control Vessel Mooring, Anchoring and Securing Operations
- Interpret Meteorology in the Near Coastal Area
- Respond to Navigational Emergencies
- Vessel Navigation and Tides

### What are the entry requirements?

This qualification is suitable for learners aged 16+.

If you are completing this qualification as part of an apprenticeship, you will need to ensure that you can meet the current Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) funding requirements before gateway.



If you wish to undertake this qualification and are not on an apprenticeship, then you should be either working or have access to work experience for the duration of the qualification in order to complete and achieve the qualification. This should be agreed by your Provider and the Open Awards external verifier before commencing your qualification.

## What are the assessment methods?

For the qualification you will need to complete all the mandatory units. These are assessed by a portfolio of evidence. As this is a competence-based qualification, you will be acquiring the knowledge and skills through either on-the-job experience or in a learning environment. Therefore, suggested assessment methods could include:

- a) Written Assignments
- b) Observation of Performance
- c) Questioning (written or oral)
- d) Practical Activities
- e) Photographs or Videos
- f) Personal Statements
- g) Reflective Logs
- h) Project Work
- i) Witness Testimonies
- j) Group Discussion

## What are the progression opportunities?

The primary purpose of this qualification is to lead to employment in roles such as:

- Landing craft master
- Mate
- Officer of the Watch and Second Officer

You can also progress to further learning or to more senior positions within the navy, merchant navy or commercial shipping. You also have the opportunity in the future to use this qualification to undertake an intermediate maritime apprenticeship.

## Who supports this qualification?

This qualification is supported by the Maritime Skills Alliance and the Maritime and Coastguard Agency.

