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Open Awards Level 2 Award in Maritime Studies (RQF)

603/3509/9



QUALIFICATION GUIDE

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Version Control				
Date	Changes			
1 st September 2021	The following unit has been withdrawn and replaced:			
	L/617/9947	Protecting the Marine Environment	L1	Unit withdrawn from 31/08/21
	The replacement unit is:			
	M/618/7376	Protecting the Marine Environment	L1	Unit valid from 01/09/21

About the Qualification

Title	Open Awards Level 2 Award in Maritime Studies (RQF)
QAN	603/3509/9
Sector	8 Leisure, Travel and Tourism
Level	Two (2)
Funding	Please click here for more information
Pricing Information	Please click here for more information
Review Date	31/07/2026

Ofqual Purpose	Prepare for further learning or training and/or develop knowledge and/or skills in a subject area
Ofqual Sub-Purpose	B1 – Prepare for further learning or training B2 – Develop knowledge and/or skills in a subject area

Total Qualification Time/Guided Learning	
Award	
Total Qualification Time (hours)	90
Guided Learning (hours)	81

Age Range and Restrictions:	
Pre -16	✓
16 – 18	✓
19+	✓
Any other restrictions specific to the qualification(s)	None

Any specified entry requirements
<p>This qualification is suitable for learners aged 14+</p> <p>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.</p>

Recommended Assessment Method Summary

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

Candidates must provide sufficient evidence that they have the required knowledge, skills and understanding of the assessment criteria and that it is their own work.

Types of evidence could include:

- a) Observation of performance
- b) Questioning (written or oral)
- c) Practical Activities
- d) Photographs or videos
- e) Personal statements
- f) Project work
- g) Witness testimonies
- h) Group discussion
- i) Recognition of Prior Learning

Assessment practices must reflect the Equality and Diversity Policy of Open Awards.

This qualification has been designed to allow for a mix of practical and classroom based activities as appropriate for individual learner's requirements and programmes of study. Please see the individual units outlined in this qualification for assessment criteria and any specified requirements.

Qualification Units

Rules of Combination	
Credit Value of the Qualification	9
Minimum credits to be achieved at the level of the qualification	9
Mandatory Unit Group A:	3 credits to be achieved
Optional Unit Group B:	A minimum of 6 credits to be achieved

Mandatory Unit Group A

Unit Reference Number	Unit Name	Credits	Level
L/617/9950	Working in the Maritime Sector	3	Level Two

Optional Unit Group B

Unit Reference Number	Unit Name	Credits	Level
M/506/5008	Basic Vessel Engineering Systems	3	Level Two
Y/617/9949	Navigation and Seamanship	4	Level Two
R/617/9948	Practical Boat Handling Skills	4	Level Two
M/618/7376	Protecting the Marine Environment	3	Level Two
T/506/5009	Vessel Repair and Maintenance	5	Level Two

Delivering this Qualification

Becoming a Provider

To deliver this qualification you must be a recognised Open Awards provider. For more information, please visit our [website](#) or contact the team on 0151 494 2072

How to Deliver

You can deliver this qualification by completing a [New Qualification Request Form](#) via the Open Awards portal. For more information, see the Provider Handbook, or contact the team on 0151 494 2072.

Registering Learners

Once you are ready to deliver this qualification, you will need to register your learners in line with the timescales below:

Short courses (15 weeks or less) within 25 working days of the course start date.
Full year long courses (over 15 weeks) within 60 working days of the course start date.

You will need to register your learners via the Open Awards [portal](#).

Quality Assurance and Standardisation

Delivery of this qualification must be done so in accordance with Ofqual regulatory guidelines and in line with Open Awards' quality assurance processes. Template forms and guidance documents are available via the Open Awards portal.

Provider Staff Requirements

Providers are responsible for ensuring that their staff are suitably skilled and experienced. Tutors/ assessors and internal quality assurance (IQA) staff must have relevant occupational knowledge and/or occupational competence at the same level or higher as the units being delivered.

Although not mandatory, best practice would be for Assessors to hold the relevant D32/D33/A1/AQA unit(s) and Level 3 Award in Education or Training. Likewise, best practice would be for Internal Verifiers to hold the relevant D34/V1/IQA unit(s).

Providers are responsible for notifying Open Awards of staff changes.

Training and support

Open Awards offers training and support events in Delivery & Assessment and Quality Assurance. These events are held throughout the year. Such events will also provide an opportunity to identify and share best practice. Up to date details of these training events are on our [website](#).

Internal Quality Assurance (IQA)

All providers delivering Open Awards provision must operate rigorous internal quality assurance systems. A provider must identify how they will internally quality assure and standardise their delivery and assessment before delivering a course.

External Quality Assurance (EQA)

Provider approval compliance monitoring and external quality assurance is carried out by Open Awards' Quality and Standards Advisor/ External Quality Assurers who will confirm that the provider is assessing to standard and ensure that there are robust quality assurance systems embedded.

Please refer to Internal and External Quality Assurance within the Provider Handbook.

Standardisation

Providers are required to contribute to national standardisation as requested by Open Awards. Open Awards offers Standardisation events that are held throughout the year. Such events will also provide an opportunity to identify and share best practice. Up to date details of training and standardisation events can be found on our website.

Further guidance on Quality Assurance and Standardisation please refer to the [Provider Handbook](#)

Recognition of Prior Learning and Achievement (RPL)

RPL is a method of assessment that considers whether a learner can demonstrate that they can meet the assessment requirements for a unit through knowledge, understanding or skills they may already possess. Evidence of learning must be sufficient, reliable and valid.

It is the responsibility of the provider to inform Open Awards at registration of any exemptions and/or equivalences for which a claim may be made. These claims will be subject to external verification by the Open Awards' Lead Quality Reviewer for the provider.

For more information, please see our Recognition of Prior Learning Policy found on the Open Awards [portal](#).

Health and Safety

It is acknowledged that elements of this qualification will be delivered in a practical setting and could include work-place learning. It is therefore essential that appropriate health, safety guidelines are followed at all times, and appropriate risk assessments are in place to safeguard the learners. It is recommended that all learners complete a full induction, including relevant health and safety instruction.

Below is a suggested resource to support providers with appropriate guidelines for Health and Safety. This is not intended as an exhaustive list. It is important that providers follow their own internal health and safety and risk assessment processes and ensure they are following all relevant Health and Safety guidance.

- <https://www.gov.uk/topic/working-sea/health-safety>
- Health and Safety Executive
<http://www.hse.gov.uk/offshore/maritimeintegrity.htm>

Appendices and Links

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Equality and Diversity Policy
Invoicing Policy
Privacy Policy

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