

Purpose Statement

Open Awards Level 4 Award in Maritime Studies: Tug Master less than 500 Gross Tonnage (Near Coastal) (RQF)

The purpose of this qualification is to enable learners to achieve the required MSQ units detailed [in MGN495](#) that count towards the Master (Tug) less than 500 GT near coastal area Certificate of Competency (CoC), issued by the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA).

Who is it for?

This qualification is for you if you currently hold an Officer of the Watch CoC, and wish to work towards the Master (Tug) 500 less than 500GT near coastal CoC.

What does this qualification cover?

This qualification will take 120 hours (TQT) to complete. You will need to complete and achieve the 2 mandatory units, which are six credits each:

- Direct Tug Operations
- Manoeuvre a Tug

What are the entry requirements?

You must be at least 19 years old at the point of registration.

You must hold an Officer of the Watch (Tug) less than 500 GT Certificate of Competency (CoC) issued by the Maritime and Coastguard Agency.

What are the assessment methods?

Type of evidence are not limited, but could include:

- a) Observation of performance via remote or video evidence
- b) Written assignments
- c) Videos
- d) Photographs

What are the progression opportunities?

You can progress to further learning and work towards another qualification, or to gain more senior positions within the navy, merchant navy or commercial shipping.

Who supports this qualification?

This qualification is supported by the British Tugowners Association, Svitzer and Western Maritime Training.

