

Qualification Unit

This unit forms part of a regulated qualification.

Unit Title: Basic Navigational Watchkeeping

Unit Reference Number: Y/651/5423

Level: Two (2)

Credit Value: Two (2)

Minimum Guided Learning Hours: 18

Learning Outcome (The Learner will):	Assessment Criterion (The Learner can):
1. Know common nautical terms	1.1 Define nautical terms related to vessel operations including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • port • starboard • bow • stern • underway
2. Know how to contribute to the monitoring and control of a safe watch	2.1 Identify relevant navigational sightings, sounds and weather changes that may affect the vessel
	2.2 Explain how to report relative bearings of sounds, lights and other objects
3. Understand what is involved in steering a vessel	3.1 Describe the difference between a gyroscope and a magnetic compass
	3.2 Explain the meaning of common helm orders
	3.3 Explain helm order procedure
	3.4 Describe the effects of wind, sea state and ship's speed on steering a vessel
	3.5 Describe the change-over procedure between manual and automatic steering modes
4. Know what bridge equipment is used for lookout and watchkeeping duties	4.1 Identify common bridge equipment used during lookout and watchkeeping duties

4.2 Identify equipment alarms

4.3 Explain the importance of reporting alarms to the Officer Of the Watch