

UNDER 16.5m SKIPPER'S CERTIFICATE APPLICATION FORM

Eligibility

This voluntary certificate is for skippers of UK-registered commercial fishing vessels less than 16.5m registered length. It costs £10. To be eligible, applicants must satisfy all of the following requirements for commercial fishing experience and certification:

1. RESTRICTED – for commercial fishing up to 20 miles from a safe haven

A minimum of 12 months experience on a UK-registered commercial fishing vessel is required. *Note: experience can only be counted from the date you completed Sea Survival training.*

Course	Duration (days)
Seafish Basic Sea Survival <i>(or equivalent)</i>	1
Seafish Basic Fire Fighting <i>(or equivalent)</i>	1
Seafish Basic First Aid <i>(or equivalent)</i>	1
Seafish Basic Health & Safety <i>(if required)</i>	1
Seafish Safety Awareness*	1
Seafish Bridge Watchkeeping <i>(or equivalent)</i>	2
Seafish Engineeroom Watchkeeping <i>(or equivalent)</i>	2
Seafish Stability Awareness for Experienced Fishermen <i>(or equivalent)</i>	1
Seafish Advanced Stability Awareness <i>(or equivalent)</i>	1
RYA GMDSS Short Range Certificate	1

2. UNRESTRICTED – for commercial fishing beyond 20 miles from a safe haven

A minimum of 18 months experience on a UK-registered commercial fishing vessel is required. *Note: experience can only be counted from the date you completed Sea Survival training.*

Course	Duration (days)
Seafish Basic Sea Survival <i>(or equivalent)</i>	1
Seafish Basic Fire Fighting <i>(or equivalent)</i>	1
Seafish Basic First Aid <i>(or equivalent)</i>	1
Seafish Basic Health & Safety <i>(if required)</i>	1
Seafish Safety Awareness*	1
Seafish Bridge Watchkeeping <i>(or equivalent)</i>	5
MCA Approved Engine Course AEC1 <i>(or equivalent)</i>	5
Seafish Stability Awareness for Experienced Fishermen <i>(or equivalent)</i>	1
Seafish Advanced Stability Awareness <i>(or equivalent)</i>	1
RYA GMDSS Short Range Certificate	1

*Refresher Training

Applicants must re-attend Safety Awareness training if their original certificate was issued before 1st January 2012. You are being asked to do this because the Safety Awareness course launched in 2012 was very different from the original. It provides up-to-date information, advice and guidance on establishing and implementing safety management systems onboard fishing vessels. The course can be refreshed at any [Seafish Approved Training Provider](#).