



MCA Engineer Oral Exam Preparation Courses

The following courses relate only to certificates of competency for which just specified sea service whilst holding a lower certificate, and a MCA oral exam, are required. Where a certificate requires completion of sea service first, then a specified course of study and exams, followed by an oral exam, then these are described in the relevant programme leaflet

MCA STCW '95 Reg. III/3 CoC As Chief Engineer Under 3,000KW

This certificate of competency may be for Near Coastal or Unlimited areas, with the additional capacity of Reg. III/2 Chief Engineer Under 6,000kW Near Coastal on the latter. All capacities are awarded on the basis of completing specified periods of sea service from entry, including 12 months whilst holding at least a MCA STCW '95 Reg. III/3 Second Engineer Under 3,000kW Unlimited Area/Reg. III/2 Second Engineer Under 6,000kW Near Coastal Area CoC on ships over 750kW. For Under 3,000kW Near Coastal Area a total from entry of 24 months sea service is required, and for Under 3,000kW Unlimited Area 30 months is required, plus a MCA oral exam in both cases. For Under 6,000kW Near Coastal (an Under 3,000kW Unlimited Area must be attained first) 36 months sea service is required, but no MCA oral exam.

If a MCA Reg. III/2 Second Engineer Unlimited CoC is held, then only 6 months sea service whilst holding this certificate is required for entry to the Chief Engineer Under 3,000kW Unlimited exam, subject to the total sea service requirements from entry being met.

A Medical Certificate ENG1 and a Notice of Eligibility (not required for Under 6,000kW as no oral exam) must also be held. The preparation course is 3 weeks.

Career Progression

A MCA STCW '95 Reg. III/2 CoC as Second Engineer Unlimited, and further progression through the certificate structure, or, if this certificate is already held, a MCA STCW '95 Reg. III/2 CoC as Chief Engineer.





MCA STCW '95 Reg. III/3 CoC As Second Engineer Under 3,000KW Near Coastal Area

This certificate of competency is awarded to holders of a MCA STCW '95 Reg. III/1 Officer of the Watch Unlimited CoC who have completed at least 12 months sea service from entry on ships over 350kW, and a MCA oral exam. A Medical Certificate ENG1 and a Notice of Eligibility must also be held. The preparation course is 3 weeks.

Career Progression

A MCA STCW '95 Reg. III/3 Second Engineer Under 3,000kW Unlimited Area/Reg. III/2 Under 6,000kW Near Coastal Area CoC, or a MCA STCW '95Reg. III/2 CoC as Second Engineer Unlimited.

Other Engineer Certificates Of Competency

Other MCA engineer oral exam preparation courses not covered by this and other programme leaflets may be offered by arrangement.

Application and Further Information

If you are interested in applying for any of these courses and would like further information and an application form to be sent to you, please telephone or email as below. Further information may also be obtained and an application form downloaded from our website.

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