National 5 SfW Maritime Skills (Course Code: C269 75)

SCQF Level 5 (24 Credit Points)

Why study SfW Maritime Skills?

The maritime sector includes people who work in commercial sea fishing, marine leisure businesses, ports and harbours, as well as those working in the Merchant Navy and Royal Navy.

Scotland has played an important role in maritime history and the maritime sector is still important to the Scottish economy.

The maritime sector offers good opportunities for those who enjoy:

- working as part of a team
- learning practical skills
- sailing, ships and other vessels
- taking responsibility
- handling and using equipment
- fixing mechanical equipment.

Career Pathways

To see what career areas this subject could lead to and the routes to get there, download and view these career pathways:

Animals, Land and Environment

Transport and Distribution

What do I need to get in?

Entry is at the discretion of the school or college.

What will I study?

The course is made up of five compulsory units, three take 40 hours of study and two take 20 hours of study.

- Seamanship: An Introduction (6 SCQF credit points)
- Maritime Environment: An Introduction (6 SCQF credit points)
- Small Boat Engineering (3 SCQF credit points)
- Health and Safety in the Maritime Sector (6 SCQF credit points)
- Employability Skills and Careers in the Maritime Sector (3 SCQF credit points)

You will learn about:

- operating boats and their equipment
- boat handling, including mooring and securing a vessel
- how to use a marine chart to plot a vessel's position
- how to take account of the weather in all aspects of the marine sector
- safe working practices on board ship, basic first aid and fire safety
- basic engineering skills involved in maintaining boat engines
- survival in the water skills
- career and course opportunities in the maritime sector.

Where will I take the course?

You will usually train at a local college. Training sessions will take place for a set number of hours and weeks during term time.

Work experience/placements

Due to health and safety requirements it is not normally possible to arrange maritime work experience placement for young people. However, where possible, you may be able to visit maritime employers.

How will I be assessed?

Assessment will be based on a range of practical activities in real or simulated workplace settings. Tutors will observe and keep records of your work. Some assessment may be done online using an e-portfolio system.

Study Materials

What can I go on to next?

You may be able to progress to:

Employment /Training

- Employment in the fishing industry, Merchant Navy or Royal Navy
- A Modern Apprenticeship in Maritime Occupations at SCQF Level 5.

Further/Higher Education

- A one year full time NC, NQ or other course in Access to the Merchant Navy or Maritime/Marine.

Further study, training or employment in:

- Aquaculture and Fishing
- Sea Transport