

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. About 52% of jobs in sea fishing in Scotland are in the Highlands and Islands.

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.

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
- Maritime Environment: An Introduction
- Small Boat Engineering
- Health and Safety in the Maritime Sector
- Employability Skills and Careers in the Maritime Sector

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 leading to a Scottish Vocational Qualification (SVQ) at SCQF Levels 5 to 6 in Sea Fishing.

Further/Higher Education

- A one year full time National Certificate (NC) or National Qualification (NQ) in Access to the Merchant Navy.
- A one year full time college course in Pre-sea Training for Deck Ratings in the Fishing Industry.

Further study, training or employment in:

- Sea Transport