

# Seafarer Licensing

## GUIDELINES FOR APPLICANTS: MASTER OF A DEEP SEA FISHING VESSEL

### **Please note - Calculation of Sea Service:**

- A period of sea service is to be reckoned by the calendar month.
- A period of sea service is to be calculated from the date of engagement to the date of discharge from the ship, with both the engagement and discharge days counting as full days.
- Days in excess of full months may be added together and counted towards sea service with 30 days being considered one month, 360 days is considered one year.
- At least 12 months sea time must have been obtained in the past 10 years.

For further information refer to Maritime rule Part 32 Ship's Personnel – Qualifications. (32.16). Available on Maritime New Zealand's website, [www.maritimenz.govt.nz](http://www.maritimenz.govt.nz) under Rules.

In addition to completing an approved course of study and passing an Maritime NZ approved oral exam, to be eligible for the issue of a Certificate of Competency as Master of a Deep Sea Fishing Vessel, a person must satisfy the following: *(Note in all cases, at least 12 months sea time must have been obtained in the past 10 years)*

1. Do you hold a Certificate of Competency as Mate of a Deep Sea Fishing Vessel? Yes  No   
*The acceptability of certificates issued by administrations other than Maritime NZ will need to be assessed on a case by case basis. (A fee might apply for this assessment)*

### **AND**

2. Have you completed at least 12 months qualifying service on deep sea fishing vessels operating beyond restricted limits whilst being in charge of a navigational watch for not less than 8 hours for every 24 claimed? Yes  No

### **OR**

3. Have you completed at least 12 months sea service whilst being the master of a fishing vessel over 15 metres in length? Yes  No

### **OR**

4. Have you completed 12 months sea service as the person in charge of a navigational watch for not less than eight hours out of every 24 claimed on a non-fishing vessel operating beyond restricted limits whilst holding a certificate not lower than a second mate of a foreign-going ship and have evidence of 12 months sea service on fishing boats of 10 metres or more in length? Yes  No

In addition, you **must** provide a navigation workbook that has been completed whilst performing the qualifying sea service for this qualification that comprises of at least the following:

- One morning observation of the sun out of the meridian.
- One afternoon observation of the sun out of the meridian.
- Two observations of the sun on the meridian.
- One fix from two or more star observations at twilight.
- One compass error by azimuth of the sun.
- One compass error by azimuth of a star.

All necessary workings must be clearly shown and the candidate must sign on each page.

To be eligible to sit the exam you must also provide evidence of the following:

- Satisfactorily attended and completed a training programme approved for this qualification, which must include passing the written examination paper.
- An application form for a maritime qualification correctly completed.
- Completed a “Fit & Proper Person and Consent to Disclose” form with satisfactory results.
- Be the holder of a current eyesight test certificate issued by an approved optometrist.
- Administration fee.
- The application form with the above must be received by the Nautical Examiner at least **three weeks** prior to sitting the exam.

(If you have answered yes to the above questions and satisfied the requirements, you may be eligible to sit the exam)

***Please note: if the application is incorrect or incomplete in any way it will be returned to the candidate.***

Before a certificate as Master of a Deep Sea Fishing Vessel can be issued, the candidate has to provide evidence that they hold the following:

- A current advanced first aid certificate. (This may be a STCW Proficiency in medical first aid certificate or equivalent)
- A general radio operator’s certificate.
- A restricted radar certificate.
- A competence in advanced fire fighting certificate.
- A navigation controls course certificate.
- Proficiency in survival craft.
- A GMDSS radio operators certificate.
- The GMDSS administration fee of \$192.00
- Be the holder of a current medical fitness certificate issued by an approved medical practitioner.

***Please note the above must be submitted all together, certificates sent individually will be returned.***

***If you are uncertain as to whether the nature or duration of your sea service meets Maritime NZ’s requirements, you may contact the Maritime NZ Head Office and seek a formal assessment of your sea time by a Maritime NZ examiner. A fee may apply for this assessment.***

A formal application must be submitted to the Maritime New Zealand along with substantiating evidence to determine eligibility for this qualification. Full details are on the application form that can be downloaded at [www.maritimenz.govt.nz](http://www.maritimenz.govt.nz)

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#### **DISCLAIMER**

This form is intended to be a guide only. Completion of this form does not indicate any entitlement to any certificate or qualification issued under Rule Part 32 Ship’s Personnel – Qualifications. Actual eligibility for a certificate can only be determined after verification of existing qualifications and extent of sea service.