

Seafarer Licensing

GUIDELINES FOR APPLICANTS: MATE 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.
- In all cases at least 12 months sea service must have been obtained in the past 10 years.

For further information refer to Maritime rule Part 32 Ship's Personnel – Qualifications (32.15). Available on the Maritime NZ website, www.maritimenz.govt.nz under Rules.

In addition to completing an approved course of study for this qualification and the NZ Offshore Master, and passing a Maritime NZ approved oral exam, to be eligible for the issue of a certificate of competency as Mate 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)

Do you hold a Certificate of Competency as a New Zealand Offshore Master or New Zealand Offshore Watchkeeper? Yes No

The acceptability of certificates issued by administrations other than the Maritime NZ will need to be assessed on a case-by-case basis. (A fee might apply for this assessment). Have you completed at least 12 months qualifying service on fishing vessels in the capacity of deckhand or in a position of greater responsibility operating beyond restricted limits?

Yes No

Can you provide evidence of 12 months watchkeeping sea service beyond restricted limits as a person in charge of a navigational watch for not less than 8 hours out of every 24 claimed whilst being the holder of an Inshore Launchmaster certificate or a New Zealand Offshore Watchkeeper Certificate or a New Zealand Offshore Master Certificate? Please note that 6 months of this time must have been obtained whilst holding a NZ Offshore Master certificate **OR** 9 months obtained while holding a NZ Offshore Watchkeeper certificate.

Yes No

(The NZ Coastal Masters will be accepted as the equivalent to NZ Offshore Masters in this case)

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

- Satisfactorily attended and completed a training programme approved for this qualification, which includes passing the written examination papers.
- A Fit and Proper Person Questionnaire and Consent to Disclosure form with satisfactory results.
- Be the holder of a current medical fitness certificate issued by a Maritime NZ approved medical practitioner.
- Be the holder of a current eyesight test certificate issued by a Maritime NZ approved optometrist.
- Administration fee
- The completed application form with the above must be received by the Nautical Examiner at least **three weeks** prior to sitting the exam.

Please note the above must be received as one package, individual items will be returned and this may delay issuing the examination permit.

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

- A current 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.
- Proficiency in Survival Craft (other than fast rescue boats) certificate.
- A Navigation Controls Course certificate.
- A GMDSS Radio Operator's certificate.

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 the Maritime New Zealand'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 Maritime NZ 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

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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 Maritime 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.

Important note:

Qualifying sea service for higher qualifications can only be gained whilst holding the lower grade certificate, not from the date of passing the exam. It is therefore very important that as soon as all the requirements have been met that you obtain the certificate from > ~~RcZ~~ V NVh ZVRR_U. You may only serve to the rank of your certificate when you have ~~eR~~ V_ delivery of it unless permission is granted from the Principal Nautical Examiner, > ~~RcZ~~ V NVh ZVRR_U.