



Maritime and Coastguard Agency

Written examination dates 2008/09: Deck and Engineer Officers (Fishing Vessels)

Notice to all Owners, Skippers, Officers and Crews of Fishing Vessels and to those involved in Maritime Training.

This notice replaces MIN 293 (F) from 1 September 2008.

This notice expires 31 August 2009.

PLEASE NOTE:-

Where this document provides guidance on the law it should not be regarded as definitive. The way the law applies to any particular case can vary according to circumstances - for example, from vessel to vessel and you should consider seeking independent legal advice if you are unsure of your own legal position.

Summary

This notice sets out the written examination dates for Fishing Vessel Certificates of Competency for the academic year commencing 1 September 2008.

Written examinations will continue to be held for a limited period only.

1. Introduction/ Background

- 1.1 The Annex to this notice sets out the pattern of written examinations to be held in the academic year commencing 1 September 2008 for Deck and Engineer Officer (Fishing Vessel) Certificates of Competency. The dates have been arranged following consultation with various representative organisations of the fishing industry. The examinations are administered by the Scottish Qualifications Authority (**SQA**) on behalf of the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (**MCA**) and are held at their examination centres.
- 1.2 The Engineer Officer (Fishing Vessel) Class 2 examination is **oral** only. All oral examinations are conducted by the Agency's Examiners at MCA Marine Offices on an appointment basis.
- 1.3 Since 1 July 1999 all new entrants to the fishing industry have been required to follow the Vocational Qualifications (**VQ**) route to Certificates of Competency: the written examination route will continue whilst the demand remains.

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ANNEX

DATES OF SQA/MCA DECK AND ENGINEER OFFICER (FISHING VESSELS)
 CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY EXAMINATIONS FROM 1 SEPTEMBER 2008 TO 31 AUGUST 2009

Month	Exam Start Date	Deck Officer			Engineer Officer
		Class 1	Class 2	Class 1	
2008					
September	No examinations				
October	No examinations				
November	Tuesday 25th	X	X		
December	Tuesday 9th			X	
2009					
January	No examinations				
February	No examinations				
March	Tuesday 17 th		X		
March	Tuesday 31st			X	
April	No examinations				
May	No examinations				
June	No examinations				
July	Tuesday 7 th	X	X		
July	Tuesday 14 th			X	
August	No examinations				