

Master (Unlimited) MCA Oral Preparation (STCW 11/2)

This course is for candidates who hold a valid UK Chief Mate (Unlimited) Certificate or previously issued Class 2 certificate, and the requisite sea service, required for a Master's (Unlimited) Certificate of Competency.

Course start dates

5th October 2020
25th January 2021
4th May 2021

Course fees

Course Tuition fee	£1095
Human Element, Leadership & Management (Management Level)	£ 690
Proficiency in Medical Care on Board Ship	£ 750

Any additional short courses required should be booked separately.
(valid to 31 July 2021)

Course Pre-requisites

Qualification: Candidates must already have successfully completed a Chief Mate/Master course of study in the UK and passed the two written examinations in 'Navigation' and 'Ship Stability' conducted by the Scottish Qualification Authority (SQA) on behalf of the UK Maritime & Coastguard Agency (MCA).

Sea service: Candidates must have completed 36 months' watchkeeping service while holding an OOW unlimited II/1 Certificate of Competency. This period may be reduced to 24 months if at least 12 months of such seagoing service has been served as Chief Mate while holding a Chief Mate unlimited II/2 Certificate of Competency.

Short courses

Candidates must also hold valid STCW certificates in 'Human Element, Leadership & Management (Management Level)' and 'Proficiency in Medical Care aboard Ship' as well as a personal medical fitness certificate recognised by the MCA before taking their MCA Orals. If not already held, these courses can be undertaken at the School outside of the main course.

Course duration

This course is delivered across 4 weeks which are dedicated to MCA Orals preparation. Candidates will receive a number of presentations designed to update them on current marine issues and legislation, and prepare them for the MCA Oral examination. A further 4 weeks of library access and online support is provided.

Course content

The course prepares candidates to answer MCA Examiner's questions based on Master (unlimited) syllabus as stated in MGN 69.

Tutorials of this course are dedicated to MCA Orals preparation, where tutorials are mainly devoted to Ship's Masters' Business & Law, Ships' Compasses, Bridge management, Seamanship, Ship-Stability and Shipboard emergencies alongside presentations on other topics from a Ship Masters' perspective which are arranged especially if those could benefit all candidates. Tutorials will be delivered as formal lectures and/or demonstrations as appropriate, supplemented by group discussion, question and answer sessions and directed study.

Candidates are encouraged to make full use of other learning resources, including the on-site library, e-resources using internet access and feedback from previous candidates e.g. MCA Orals Reports.