



University of the  
Highlands and Islands  
Shetland

## Deck Officer (Fishing Vessel) Class 2 (Class 2 Skipper's Ticket)

**Accreditation:** MCA

**Length of course:** 3 months

**Who is this course aimed at:** This course prepares students to sit the written and oral examinations required to obtain a Deck Officer (Fishing Vessel) Class 2 Certificate of Competency from the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA).

A Class 2 CoC is required by the skippers of UK registered fishing boats more than 16.5 metres in length, and qualifies the holder to command a fishing boat up to 30 metres in length in the Limited Area around the UK, or to act as a mate (deck officer) on any UK registered fishing vessel inside or outside the Limited Area.

**Entry Requirements:** Candidates must:

- have an MCA Notice of Eligibility.
- have a sight test certificate.
- have at least 3 years sea-time in an acceptable deck capacity on a fishing vessel, including at least 2 years on a vessel over 12m in length.

**Course Outcomes:** Candidates will be prepared to sit the written and oral examinations required to obtain a Deck Officer (Fishing Vessel) Class 2 Certificate of Competency from the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA).

**Course Description:** The course prepares students to sit the MCA oral exam and four SQA/MCA written examinations required to obtain a Deck Officer (Fishing Vessel) Class 2 Certificate of Competency from the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA):

- Navigation
- Chartwork & Pilotage
- Meteorology
- Safety & Management



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To obtain a CoC, students are also required to have completed the following short courses:

- Proficiency in Medical Care On Board Ship (5-day)
- Navigation Aids & Equipment Simulator Training (NAEST) - Operational
- GMDSS Restricted Operator Certificate OR GMDSS General Operator's Certificate (GOC)
- Advanced Firefighting

**Other Information:**