



University of the
Highlands and Islands
Shetland

GMDSS General Operator's Certificate (GOC) (GMDSS Radio Operator's Certificate)

Accreditation: MCA / STCW

Length of course: 10 days

Who is this course aimed at: The GMDSS General Operator's Certificate (GOC) is the qualification required by persons operating radio systems on GMDSS-equipped ships and mobile offshore platforms operating anywhere in the world. This course is suitable for merchant navy deck officers, commercial yachtmasters and other professional radio operators.

Entry Requirements: None

Course Outcomes: GMDSS General Operator's Certificate

Course Description: The course includes both theoretical (classroom) work and practical exercises using radio simulators and covers the following topics:

- Practical operation of GMDSS communication systems.
- Radiotelephone procedures.
- Regulations and procedures, including those relating to the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) regulations.

Some self-study outside of classroom hours is also required.

The course is assessed by a written exam paper and several practical tests, all of which must be passed.