



## **Dip HE in Nautical Science**

**Liverpool Maritime Academy**  
**School of Engineering, Technology and Maritime Operations**  
**Liverpool John Moores University**

### **Entry Requirements - Chief Mate Unlimited/ Master Unlimited, STCW Convention regulation II/2**

To qualify for the issue of this Certificate of Competency you must meet the following requirements:

- (a) Hold a valid OOW unlimited, II/1, Certificate of Competency;
- (b) Have completed 12 months' watchkeeping service while holding an OOW unlimited, II/1, Certificate of Competency;
- (c) Hold the applicable ancillary and safety course certificates as listed in MSN (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/msn-1856-mf-uk-requirements-for-master-and-deck-officers>) section 10;
- (d) Discharge book and watch-keeping certificates verifying the 12 months watchkeeping service
- (e) International Applicants** should hold a UKVI approved English Language Qualification (equivalent to IELTS 5.5 average). Please note, you must complete an 'IELTS for UKVI', test. You can learn more about 'IELTS for UKVI' [here](#). 'IELTS for UKVI', tests can be booked online [here](#)

- (f) **International Applicants** are required to pay a non-refundable deposit of £1200

**It is also recommended that students consider obtaining before entry the following courses (ensuring that they are MCA approved):**

- Medical Care
- Human Element and Leadership and Management (HELM) - Management
- NAVRAS(O)/NAEST(O) or ECDIS obtained after 1/1/2005 (see later)

**These courses can be provided during the Chief Mates programme at extra charge (see later).**

### **Upgradation to Master unlimited, STCW Convention regulation II/2**

4 To qualify for the issue of this Certificate of Competency you must meet the following requirements:

- (a) Hold a valid UK Chief Mate unlimited, II/2,
- (b) Have completed 36 months' watchkeeping service while holding OOW unlimited II/1, Certificate of Competency.
- (c) Hold a valid ENG1 (medical fitness certificate)
- (d) Pass MCA oral examination 'A' (for the syllabus see MGN 69)

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## Conversions from non-UK Certificates of Competency (Source: MSN 1856, page-17)

If you hold a Certificate of Competency issued by a foreign administration you may be eligible to enter the UK education and training system for certification. The non-UK CoC must be valid (in-date) at the time of the issue of your Notice of Eligibility and UK Certificate of Competency (CoC).

- **UK Chief Mate unlimited, STCW Convention regulation II/2:**

**Certificate of Competency To qualify for the issue of UK Chief Mate unlimited, II/2,** Certificate of Competency you must already hold a valid OOW unlimited, II/1, Certificate of Competency issued under the authority of an administration included in the IMO list of STCW parties (the “White List”) and meet the full requirements for Chief Mate unlimited, II/2, Certificate of Competency.

- **UK Master unlimited, STCW Convention regulation II/2:**

**Certificate of Competency To qualify for the issue of a UK Master unlimited, II/2,** Certificate of Competency, you must already hold a valid Chief Mate unlimited, II/2, or Master unlimited, II/2, Certificate of Competency issued under the authority of an Administration included in the IMO list of STCW parties (the “White List”) and meet the full requirements for Chief Mate unlimited, II/2, and Master unlimited, II/2, Please note you will only need to pass the MCA oral examination ‘A’.

It is your responsibility to ensure that the entry requirements for this programme, and entry to the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) examinations, are met prior to attending the course. **For UKVI and administrative purposes all entry requirements must be met at least one month prior to the course start date.** Please note that for any sea time confirmation, or short course acceptability, you must contact the MCA directly. We suggest overseas students apply for their NOE (Notice of Eligibility) **before** arrival into the UK. You can email queries to [deck@mcga.gov.uk](mailto:deck@mcga.gov.uk)

### **Programme Structure**

Your programme consists of Academic Modules and Additional Components as detailed below:

#### **Academic Modules**

A Dip HE in Nautical Science award requires 240 academic credits. Each module of academic study is assigned a credit value. Your previous OOW qualification is equivalent to 120 level four credits and the table below identifies the modules you will study to obtain 120 level five credits.

<b>Academic Modules</b>	<b>Credit</b>
Bridge Management	24
Marine Engineering and Structures	24
Navigation and Meteorology	24
Shipboard Business and Management	24
Shipboard Operations	24
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>120</b>

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### Additional Components

To obtain an STCW Chief Mates certificate, students need the following additional components as shown in the table below and which are integrated into the programme of study. These include two external examinations (Stability and Navigation) set by SQA on behalf of MCA, as well as preparation for your MCA Oral examination. First attempt at NAEST (M), and SQA external examinations are normally incorporated within the costs and schedule of the Dip HE Nautical Science programme. **The Oral fee and second attempts at NAEST and SQA examinations will be subject to additional fees.**

Additional Components
Navigation Equipment & Simulation Training (Management level) - NAEST(M)
External SQA written examinations (2 papers)
Oral examination ( <b>MCA fee required, £202 as at July 2015</b> )
Medical Care Onboard Ship ( <b>£510 plus VAT</b> )
Human Element Leadership & Management (Management level) – HELM(M) at ( <b>£450 as at July 2015</b> )

The NAEST (M) course requires, as entry requirement, an MCA approved **NARAS (O) or NAEST (O) course issued after 1/1/2005**, otherwise students must provide an MCA approved ECDIS course certificate issued after 1/1/2005. We can provide a 40hr ECDIS course during the Chief Mate programme, but if it has been completed at our commercial centre, there will be an additional fee £1195 plus VAT (July 2015 price). The fee can be reduced to £500 (no VAT) if completed on an internal course. If you have any doubt as to about the MCA approval of your NARAS (O)/NAEST (O)/ECDIS certificates please contact MCA at [deck@mcga.gov.uk](mailto:deck@mcga.gov.uk)

### MCA Orals

The MCA orals are arranged and paid for by yourself although we will advise you on the timing of the oral date and the application. The local MCA oral centre is at Crosby which is 15 minutes from the University by train. We provide preparation classes as part of the programme. If you have not already done so, you should apply for your Notice of Eligibility (NoE) to sit MCA examinations for the Chief Mate Certificate of Competency (Unlimited) as soon as possible at the start of your programme, if not before. The MCA application form is downloadable direct from [www.mcga.gov.uk](http://www.mcga.gov.uk). The NoE fee includes your first MCA oral examination attempt.

### Qualifications Awarded - Chief Mate Unlimited, STCW Convention regulation II/2

After successful completion of the programme you will be awarded the following qualifications:

- Dip He in Nautical Science – issued by LJMU
- Chief Mate Unlimited Certificate of Competency (STCW Reg II/2)
- STCW 95 Certificates:  
NAEST (M) - issued by the University on behalf of MCA

To support your application to the MCA for a Chief Mate CoC, at the end of your programme you will have to submit the following documents to MCA:

- Dip HE in Nautical Science – issued by LJMU
- OOW unlimited, II/1, Certificate of Competency

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- Have completed 12 months' watchkeeping service while holding an OOW unlimited, II/1, Certificate of Competency
- SQA examination papers (Navigation & Stability and Structure) pass result – issued by SQA
- Oral examination pass result entered on Notice of Eligibility by MCA examiner
- NAEST(M) Certificate
- HELM(M) Certificate
- GMDSS Certificate
- Valid Medical fitness Certificate (ENG1 or equivalent) including eyesight requirements (the maximum validity is 2 years from the date of issue)
- Medical Care

**Please note GMDSS, Medical Care, HELM (M) course fees, ENG1 and NOE application fee is not included in the standard Dip He Nautical Science Programme fees.**

Additionally To support your application to the MCA for a **Master Unlimited, STCW Convention regulation II/2** at the end of your programme you will have to submit the following documents to MCA:

- Valid Chief Mate unlimited, II/2, Certificate of Competency
- Have completed 36 months' watchkeeping service while holding OOW unlimited II/1, Certificate of Competency
- Oral examination pass result entered on Notice of Eligibility by MCA examiner
- Valid Medical fitness Certificate (ENG1 or equivalent) including eyesight requirements (the maximum validity is 2 years from the date of issue)

### **Required Equipment**

To assist you in your studies you are required to bring with you a parallel ruler (at least 40cm), dividers, compasses, protractor, pencils, erasers, pens and a non-programmable, scientific calculator (CASIO type is recommended).

### **Programme Intakes**

This course has a January, May and September intake.

### **Programme Duration and Pattern of Attendance**

This is a full time course lasting at least 10 months (depending on the dates of your external exams and any re-sits)

### **Application Process**

All students must complete a formal application process for this programme. Complete the application form, attaching photocopies of ALL of the required documentation (see application form), plus photographs, and return to:

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After receiving your application a decision will be made by a member of our academic team. We will then post and email an offer letter to you making you either a Conditional or Unconditional offer. An unconditional offer means that you have met all of our requirements and your place on the programme is secured. A conditional offer means that you have not yet met all of our requirements and your place is not secured until you do so. **Any conditions must be met at least one month prior to the course start date.** Applicants who do not meet the conditions of their offer in time for their preferred intake will have to defer their application to the next intake.

### **Application Deadline**

For administration and visa processing purposes, all applications should be received at least one month in advance of your preferred intake.

### **Fees**

The fees for this programme are £6500 and a full fee payment will be required at enrolment, payable by cheque, bankers draft, credit or debit card.

**International applicants** are required to submit a £1200 deposit with their application form. Deposits can be paid via an online credit or debit card payment at <https://buyonline.ljmu.ac.uk/browse/product.asp?compid=1&modid=1&catid=1082>

When making an online card payment, applicants will be asked to set up a basic account and then will be sent an electronic receipt for their deposit payment via email. International applicants must submit a receipt for their online card payment with their application form.

**Please note that your deposit payment is non-refundable.**

**UK applicants** who have obtained financial sponsorship will be required to pay the full course fee to LJMU at enrolment. Applicants should claim the money back from their sponsor prior to or following enrolment.

### **Enrolment Process**

Approximately one month prior to your course intake you will receive enrolment and induction instructions. You will be required to attend an enrolment session where you will complete an online enrolment form and pay your course fees in full. Only then can you become a student of the University and receive a student card. You will also be expected to attend an induction day to prepare you for your course and for life as a student at LJMU.

### **Accommodation**

All students are responsible for finding and securing their own accommodation and we strongly recommend that this is done prior to your arrival in Liverpool. Some accommodation options are given below:

#### **LJMU Accommodation**

LJMU offer rooms based in a range of city-centre Halls but Marybone and Atlantic Point are the closest Halls to the Byrom Street campus where your course is taught. **Please note that contracts are usually arranged around the times of more conventional academic programmes which may not match the timing of this particular programme.** Accommodation in Halls is usually only available to students studying at LJMU for a minimum of 42 weeks and who have a September start date. All non-UK students must pay their rent in full before they arrive in the UK. For further information and clarification please email the Accommodation Office at [accommodation@ljmu.ac.uk](mailto:accommodation@ljmu.ac.uk) or visit their web pages at <http://www.ljmu.ac.uk/Accommodation/>

#### **Private Accommodation**

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An alternative and recommended accommodation option to University halls is to rent a private flat or house with other students. Please consult **Liverpool Student Homes** at <http://www.studentpad.co.uk/liverpool/> which is owned and approved by the three universities in Liverpool and maintains a portfolio of good quality private houses and flats.

We can also provide the details of a letting agency in Liverpool who specialize in arranging accommodation for international students but please note that this letting agency is not connected with LJMU and the university does not take any responsibility or liability for any breach of terms and conditions with this letting agency. Please contact **Liverpool Sales and Lettings Ltd** at [liverpoollettingsltd@gmail.com](mailto:liverpoollettingsltd@gmail.com)

### **Temporary Accommodation**

If you have still not managed to sort out permanent accommodation prior to your arrival then there may be temporary beds available at a local city centre hostel. Try **Hatters Hostel** at <http://hattersgroup.com/> or **International Inn** at <http://www.internationalinn.co.uk/>

### **Living Expenses**

In addition to the course fees it is recommended that students budget approximately **£1015** per month to cover accommodation, travel and food. International applicants should ensure that prior to applying for a visa their bank account can show the UKVI that they are able to pay all course fees as well as accommodation and living expenses for the duration of the course.

### **Additional Information for International Applicants**

- If you are not of British Nationality you will require a UK General Student Visa to join the course
- In order to obtain a UK General Student Visa you must be in receipt of a CAS (Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies) number which will be sent to you if we make you an Unconditional offer. If we make you a Conditional offer a CAS number will not be sent until the conditions of your offer have been met.
- Visa processing times can take approximately one month
- If you require visa application support in India you can contact [mumbai@sametindia.com](mailto:mumbai@sametindia.com)
- If you are an International applicant and have any criminal convictions from a previous visit to the UK then you should seek advice from the UKVI regarding your visa application **prior** to you submitting an application
- Under UK Border Agency Regulations International Students are only allowed to take re-assessment in any element of their program on a maximum of two occasions
- LJMU is duty bound to report back to the UKVI any periods of unaccounted absence with regards to all international students.

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