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A centre of excellence of NORTH EAST SCOTLAND COLLEGE

HNC NAUTICAL SCIENCE

leading to Officer of the Navigational Watch
(Unlimited) STCW'95 II/1

BLENDED LEARNING: Courses that fit in with your busy life

This booklet is aimed at those individuals who would like to undertake a HNC Nautical Science course via Blended Learning and who do not reside in Scotland. It explains how Blended Learning works and the principles behind it, provides course frameworks, timeframes and costs.

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION PLEASE READ BEFORE APPLYING FOR THIS COURSE

In compliance with the Maritime & Coastguard Agency (MCA) regulations, to use this qualification as part of the requirements for a MCA Notice of Eligibility for a Certificate of Competency there is a minimum mandatory attendance requirement for all students studying HN Nautical Science. All candidates must achieve a minimum of 50% attendance at Scottish Maritime Academy. This equates to no less than 50 days for an HNC to be spent at the Academy over the duration of the course. Also in accordance with MCA guidelines you will be required to submit Self-Assessments Questions (SAQs) after each learning outcome of each unit and have regular face-to-face meetings with tutor(s) prior to undertaking assessments.

It is therefore important that you understand the difference between Correspondence, Distance, Flexible and Open Learning to that of Blended Learning before applying for this course.

Correspondence, Distance, Flexible and Open Learning are all terms used to describe essentially the same learning procedure. These terms describe courses where you would require minimum time in college or none at all to complete your chosen course; generally you would only attend a college to complete assessments or exams.

Blended Learning differs from the above methods of study in that some class time will be required in accordance with MCA requirements as mentioned above, this is because some elements of the course require face-to-face tuition, access to specialised software or to our nautical workshops so that candidate's competency demonstrates their practical ability.

Please note there is NO student accommodation available at the Scottish Maritime Academy; we can however supply a list of local hotels and bed and breakfast establishments on request.

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(Leading To Officer In Charge Of The Navigational Watch (OOW) (Unlimited) STCW'95 II/1)

COURSE INFORMATION

This course is the first step towards a career as a Deck Officer on a Merchant Vessel. It can be taken as a HNC course if the Graded Unit exams are undertaken.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

This course is designed for experienced seafarers who have gained the required sea time to study towards OOW Certificate of Competency. 36 months' sea service in the deck department - 6 of the last 12 months' service to be on duties associated with bridge watchkeeping or class 2 Fishing plus 3 months' sea service on merchant ships.



HOW TO APPLY

An application form in the first instance requires to be completed. When completing the application form please include all relevant information including previous experience, sea time, any STCW'95 short courses you have undertaken and a copy of your discharge book. If you are an overseas student please provide a photocopy of your passport.

Post or email completed applications forms to:

Sheena Thomson
Distance Learning Co-ordinator
Scottish Maritime Academy
South Road
PETERHEAD
AB42 2UP

☎ 01346 586136 Ext: 4765
✉ sheena.thomson@nescol.ac.uk

Once the application form has been received, the Academic Courses Team Leader at the Scottish Maritime Academy will check and provide preliminary approval.

FURTHER INFORMATION

- Unit materials will be issued by Distance Learning Co-ordinator after full payment has been made. Methods of payment: Visa/MasterCard/American Express/Debit Card/Cheque, BAC or Cash. If course fees are being sponsored by a third party eg employer, Section A (Employer Sponsor Details and Financial Approval) must be completed. If the course is being sponsored via the Slater Fund please supply a copy of the award letter.
- A maximum of 2 units can be applied for at one time.
- Each unit has a suggested timeframe for completion this will be detailed on the Individual Learning Plan section of the Welcome Letter issued along with unit study materials.
- A tutor will be assigned to the learner; the tutor will be available via email/ telephone for you to discuss any questions you may have relating to the unit(s). If you require a meeting with your designated tutor, this must be arranged in advance via your tutor and Distance Learning Co-ordinator.
- Please note that the Self-Assessment Questions (SAQs) and tutorials that occur throughout each of the units are not official Academy assessments and should not be treated as such, they are there to prepare you sufficiently for summative assessments to be completed under strict examination conditions on Academy premises in accordance with MCA and Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA) guidelines.

The Graded Unit at HNC level is designed to provide evidence that the candidate has achieved the following principal aims of HNC Nautical Science:

- Enables candidates to obtain a Certificate of Competency as a Deck Officer.
- Prepares candidates for the responsibility of keeping a watch at sea and in port.
- Develops skills to enable candidates to effectively navigate a vessel by traditional and modern means.
- Develops skills to enable candidates to operate a vessel in a safe and effective manner.
- Develops skills to enable candidates to work with others in a safe and effective manner.
- Develops skills to deal with emergency situations.
- Develops awareness of current maritime legislation.
- Prepares candidates for the MCA written and Oral examinations.

- Once you have completed all the units successfully and passed the Graded Unit exam you will be awarded the HNC in Nautical Science
- Once you have completed all mandatory STCW '95 short courses (as amended) achieved both the SQA written exams and the MCA orals you will be eligible to apply for your Notice of Eligibility (NOE).

The preparation and application for SQA written and MCA oral exams will be candidate's responsibility.



MANDATORY ATTENDANCE

Mandatory attendance at the Scottish Maritime Academy for study and/or assessment purposes **must be by prior arrangement** with learner's designated Tutor and Distance Learning Co-ordinator. Although we make every effort to meet the requirements of individual learners please be aware that access to academic staff at all times **cannot be guaranteed**. All attendance at the Scottish Maritime Academy must be recorded and it is the student's responsibility to ensure their personal register is signed by both tutor(s) and student.

COURSE FRAMEWORK & COSTS

All units are mandatory

UNIT TITLE	UNIT CODE	CREDIT VALUE	NUMBER OF ASSESSMENTS	NON SCOTTISH RESIDENTS £
Celestial Navigation	FOLS 35	1½	2	£434.00 *
Marine Cargo Operations	FOLM 34	1½	2	£434.00 *
Naval Architecture: Ship Construction	FOLF 34	1	1 and 1 assignment	£293.00 *
Marine Meteorology 1	FOLH 34	1	3 and 1 assignment	£293.00 *
Chartwork & Tides	FOLV 34	2	3	£579.00 *
Navigational Mathematics & Science	FOM0 34	1	3	£293.00 *
Bridge Watch-keeping	FOLR 34	1½	2	£434.00 *
Ship Stability: An Introduction	FOLD 34	1½	2	£434.00 *
Marine Law & Management	FOLJ 34	1	1 and 1 assignment	£293.00 *
Marine Emergency Response & Communications	FOLK 34	1	3	£293.00 *
HNC Nautical Science Graded Unit	F13B 34	1	1 x 3 Hour Exam	£293.00 *
	TOTAL CREDITS	14	TOTAL COST	£4073.00

IMPORTANT: PLEASE SEE BELOW DETAILS OF SQA REGISTRATION FEES

* In order to register for the HNC group award you must pay an additional group award registration fee of £109.80. You can pay this at any time during the course of your studies along with the course fee for any of the listed units.

Until you pay the group award registration fee of £109.80, an additional cost of £13.60 will be charged per unit to register with SQA.

STCW'95 COURSES DELIVERED BY THE SCOTTISH MARITIME ACADEMY

COURSE NAME	LENGTH OF COURSE	2015/16 TOTAL COSTS	MANDATORY
PST (Personal Survival Techniques)	1 Day	£120.00	OOW
PSSR (Personal Safety & Social Responsibility)	1 Day	£120.00	OOW
Fire Prevention & Fire Fighting (Outsourced Externally)	5 Days		OOW
*Medical First Aid (First Aid at Sea) (<i>Outsourced Externally</i>)	4 Days		OOW
Signals – Exam Only	1 day	£70.00	OOW
NAEST (O) (Navigational Aids, Radar & ARPA Simulation)	6 weeks	£1600.00	OOW
Advanced Fire Fighting (Outsourced Externally)	5 Days		OOW
*CPSC & RB (Certificate of Proficiency in Survival Craft and Rescue Boats) (<i>Outsourced Externally</i>)	5 Days		OOW
EDH (Efficient Deck Hand)	5 Days	£500.00	OOW
GMDSS (General Operators Certificate inc exam)	10 Days	£1200.00	OOW
HELM(O) Human Elements Leadership in Management	3 days	£350.00	OOW

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

*Cost Dependent on Class Size

All costs are approximate and are subject to change.

Costs for courses 'Outsourced Externally' can be obtained by contacting the appropriate course provider. A list of providers can be obtained from the Scottish Maritime Academy.

It is the student's responsibility to ensure that all short courses are valid, in date and check that they meet current MCA requirements. Please contact the Scottish Maritime Academy directly on 01779 476204.

The Scottish Maritime Academy cannot guarantee short courses will be available to meet individual work patterns. These courses are also available throughout the UK.

(please refer to www.MNTB.org.uk)



DISCLAIMER

Any decision taken by the Scottish Maritime Academy is final. Please note that there is a 2 year statutory time limit after which no appeals can be made against tutor marked assessments.

The responsibility for eligibility for entry to the MCA examination including correct documentation and sea service rests with the student and not with the Academy.

The College will assist and advise but if you are in any doubt as to what your actual requirements are please contact the MCA at the following address:


Maritime and Coastguard Agency
Spring Place, 105 Commercial Road
Southampton
Hants
SO15 1EG


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