

Seafarer Licensing

GUIDELINES FOR APPLICANTS: ADVANCED DECKHAND – FISHING ENDORSEMENT

Please note - Calculation of Sea Service:

- *A candidate must provide evidence of having completed 12 months sea service on commercial ships of over 6 metres in length, 6 months must have been served as a deckhand on a fishing vessel or 3 months sea service as a deckhand on fishing vessels operating beyond enclosed limits of over 9 metres in length.*
- *Sea service must be proven by a certificate of sea service or a letter that must be signed by the Skipper, who must also note what certificate he/she holds. The letter must be on company letterhead and state the name and length of the vessel and dates of joining and leaving.*
- *If a candidate has sea time books then these must also be submitted.*
- *Qualifying service performed on a regular full-time basis shall be counted from the date of engagement (joining) to the date of discharge (leaving) in months and days.*
- *Full-time employment with periods of leave or part time/casual shall be calculated in days or hours. No more than 8 hours in any 24 hour period can be counted and 125 hours served over not less than one month is counted as one month's service.*
- *Before going on a course (this is compulsory) applicants for this certificate must send the application in full to Maritime New Zealand. PO Box 27006, Wellington, **no later than 21 days before the examination date.***

Notes on Sea Service:

You must be a minimum of 16 years of age and all of the qualifying service shall have been served within the 10 years immediately preceding the date of examination.

For further information refer to Maritime Rule Part 32 Ship's Personnel – Qualifications available on the website, www.maritimenz.govt.nz

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR THE ADVANCED DECKHAND – FISHING ENDORSEMENT

- Administration fee
- Application form for a maritime qualification correctly completed.
- Full proof of 12 months sea service. (See notes)
- A character reference signed and **dated** by someone who knows you well but not a family member – this must cover the last 12 months from the date of applying to Maritime NZ.
- A Fit and Proper Person Questionnaire and Consent to Disclosure form, plus information about the Clean Slate Act.
- Eyesight test report from a Maritime NZ approved optometrist.

The above must be submitted before the issue of an examination permit. It must be submitted as one package. Individual items will be returned and this may delay the granting of the examination permit.

- Certified copy of either your passport or birth certificate. This can be submitted after you have sat the oral exams, please note that on passing the exams your certificate will not be issued until this has been sighted.
- Steering Certificate – not less than 10 hours steering a fishing vessel. This can be submitted after you have sat the oral exams, please note that on passing the exams your certificate will not be issued until this has been sighted.

If you do not hold an examination permit you will not be allowed to sit the exams. If you fail the examination and wish to re-sit, you are required to re-apply, and pay the administration fee of \$136.00 to obtain another exam permit.

If you are uncertain as to whether the nature or duration of your sea service meets Maritime NZ's requirements, you may contact the Maritime NZ Head Office and seek a formal assessment of your sea time by a Maritime NZ examiner. A fee may apply for this assessment.

DISCLAIMER

This form is intended to be a guide only. Completion of this form does not indicate any entitlement to any certificate or qualification issued under Maritime Rule part 32, Ship's Personnel – Qualifications. Actual eligibility for a certificate can only be determined after verification of existing qualifications and extent of sea service.