

Seafarer Licensing

GUIDELINES FOR APPLICANTS: FIRST MATE FOREIGN GOING (CLASS 2 DECK OFFICER)

Please note - Calculation of Sea Service:

- A period of sea service is to be reckoned by the calendar month.
- A period of sea service is to be calculated from the date of engagement to the date of discharge from the ship, with both the engagement and discharge days counting as full days.
- Days in excess of full months may be added together and counted towards sea service with 30 days being considered one month, 360 days is considered one year.

For further information refer to Maritime Rule Part 32 Ship's Personnel – Qualifications (32.18). Available on the Maritime New Zealand's website - www.maritimenz.govt.nz - under Rules.

In addition to completing an approved course of study and passing an Maritime NZ approved oral exam, to be eligible for the issue of a Certificate of Competency, as First Mate F.G. a person must satisfy the following:

1. Be the holder a Second Mate Foreign Going or Class III Deck Officer Certificate of Competency? Yes No
The acceptability of certificates issued by administrations other than Maritime NZ will need to be assessed on a case-by-case basis. (A fee might apply for this assessment)
2. Have you completed at least 18 months qualifying service in charge of a navigation watch on ships of 500 GRT or over whilst holding a certificate as Second Mate F.G. (Class III Deck Officer) or equivalent? Yes No
3. Provide evidence of being the holder of:
 - a. A proficiency certificate as a person in charge of medical care onboard ship, and
 - b. A navigation and emergency control certificate.
4. Provide evidence that you comply with the applicable medical fitness requirements including eyesight of Part 34. Yes No

The above must include 6 months sea service on ships operating in the unlimited area since obtaining a Second Mate F.G. certificate and have been as a person in charge of a navigational watch for not less than 8 hours out of every 24 claimed. If you have not attained the 6 months sea service in the unlimited area you may be eligible for examination as a Class II Deck Officer.

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.

If you have answered 'yes' to one or more questions on this page then you may meet the sea service requirements for this particular qualification.

A formal application must be submitted to the Maritime NZ along with substantiating evidence to determine eligibility for this qualification. Full details are on the application form that can be downloaded at www.maritimenz.govt.nz

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 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.

Check List for First Mate Foreign Going (Class 2)

To be eligible to *sit* the New Zealand First Mate Foreign Going (Class 2) Certificate of Competency the following is required:

1. A Maritime NZ application form completed correctly with two passport sized photographs.
2. Fit and Proper Person Questionnaire and Consent to Disclosure form correctly filled out.
3. Certified copy of your birth certificate or valid passport.
4. ~~Not a requirement~~.
5. Proof of sea service and any supporting documents.
6. Eyesight test certificate from a Maritime NZ approved optometrist. (Colour vision test is not necessary.)
7. Character reference from someone who knows you well or employer. (Not any of your immediate family.) *Signed and dated, not more than one year old.*

The above must be submitted as one package at least three weeks prior to the requested date of the examination.

If it is not correct, the whole package will be returned.

For *issue* of a New Zealand First Mate Foreign Going (Class 2) Certificate of Competency, the following further certified copies of documents are required:

- a. Proficiency as a person in charge of medical care onboard ship.
- b. Navigation and emergency control certificate.
- c. Current medical fitness certificate from a designated medical practitioner.
- d. Old Certificate of Competency.
- e. All STCW'95 certificates as required for Second Mate Foreign Going (Class 3).

N.B. Any STCW '95 documents must be from an approved STCW'95 provider. If there is any doubt as to the standard of the certificate, the candidate may have to undertake the course in New Zealand.

The above must be submitted as one package on the successful result of the First Mate's oral exam.