

MEDICAL CERTIFICATION FOR WORKING AT SEA IN COMMERCIAL FISHING



Exemption from commercial medical: MSN 1915

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/medical-exemption-existing-fishers-on-vessels-of-10-metres-and-under>

	Vessel	Operating Pattern	Certificate required
1	FV or any length	Subject to inspection a foreign Port	ENG1
2	FV 24m or over	At sea for more than three days	ENG1
3	FV under 24m or over to which 1 does not apply		ENG1
4	FV under 24m in length	At sea for more than 72 hours	ENG1
5	FV under 24m in length	Operating more than 200miles from the castline or beyond continental shelf	ENG1
6	FV under 24m in length of which 1, 4 Or 5 do not apply		ENG1 or ML5

*Fishermen exempt from medical certification

These fishermen do not need either certificate. This applies to fishermen who can show at least 4 weeks fishing between November 2021 and November 2023

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Useful Contacts

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Medicals: Frequently asked questions

What do I take with me?

Photo ID, medications, glasses/contact lenses, GP's name and telephone number, reports or letters from your health care professionals, any previous ENG1 certificate

How long does my certificate last?

The duration of an ENG1 certificate is Maximum 2 years and ML5 for 5 years but this can be shorter for medical reasons. ENG1 and ML5 certificates are limited to 1 year for people over 65

What if I have a medical condition?

A medical condition may not stop you from working at sea but you may be given a restricted certificate, meaning you must work within certain criteria such as limited duties or a specific sea area or vessel type.

If you report to the GP or ENG1 Dr that you have a medical condition they have to make a decision if this is affecting your capacity to work safely

What If I fail?

You have one month to appeal using the appeal procedure

How long will the medical examination take?

30-45 minutes and will involve a sight test and physical examination.

What if I am not a UK national?

Non-UK seafarers can get an ENG1 from an MCA approved Doctor. The MCA also accepts some other countries seafarers' medicals as equivalent- see MSN1815

Our fishing safety project provides free safety information

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	ENG 1 CERTIFICATE	ML5 SEAFARERS CERTIFICATE
Certificate valid	2 Years (1 year for aged > 65)	5 years (1 year for aged > 65)
Where	MCA Approved Doctor	Your GP
Price	Approximately £135	Approximately £95-£135
Who	<p>Working on any Vessel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over 24m • Subject to inspection at a foreign Port • At Sea more than 72 hours <p>Skippers/Officers holding a certificate of competence over 16.5m</p>	<p>Working on a fishing vessel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Less than 24m • Not subject to inspection at a foreign Port • NOT at sea more than 72 hours • NOT operating beyond 200miles or continental shelf <p>You are not a skipper with a certificate of competence over 16.5m</p>
What to do	Call an MCA approved Doctor to make an appointment. Take your medical records, glasses prescription, etc with you	<p>Call your GP</p> <p>Use the ML5 form which you can download here. https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/ml5-medical-report-form-and-certificate-msf-4112</p>

If you have any questions or worries about your health and wellbeing please contact your GP or speak to Healthy Cornwall: 01209 615600 healthy.cornwall@cornwall.gov.uk

ENG1 Medicals- list of MCA Approved Doctors

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/mca-approved-doctors-uk-based>

Devon	
Exeter	Dr C Thompson 01392 676676
Plymouth	Dr C Penny Aquamarine medicals 01752 289319 Dr A Gaston St Levan Surgery 01752 561973 Dr D Watts c/o DDRC 01752 209999
Barnstaple	Dr R Dean Team House 01271 859243

Cornwall	
Falmouth	Dr Houncombe, Trescobeas Surgery 01326 315615
Hayle	Dr Mulholland, Bodriggy Health Centre 01736 753136
Newquay	Dr Jones, Narrowcliff Surgery 01637 84433
Penzance	Dr Cheyne, Alverton Practice 01736 363741
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