

Government of Gibraltar



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OFFICIAL NOTICE

SHIP'S OFFICER – TRAINING OPPORTUNITY

A CAREER AT SEA?

Would you like a career where:

- you are paid while you take a degree
- you get the chance to travel the world at someone else's expense
- time off is measured in weeks and months - not just days
- your days are challenging and rewarding
- you can quickly gain responsibility and a salary to match
- there is a lifetime of personal development opportunities?

The Maritime Industry is a vigorous and expanding one and the need for suitable qualified persons is ever increasing.

To encourage and promote these opportunities the Government of Gibraltar, in partnership with Aegean, Marine Service Shipping (Gibraltar) Ltd, Maritime (Gibraltar) Ltd and Vemaoil, are offering scholarships for young persons wishing to gain international qualifications as a Sea-going Deck or Engineer Officer on a merchant ship.

The three year training package, tenable as from September 2009, will involve a combination of theoretical studies at a College in the United Kingdom as well as structured practical experience on sea-going cargo and/or passenger ships engaged in worldwide travels. Subject to successfully completing written and oral examinations, candidates will attain a UK-MCA Certificate of Competency as an Officer-in-Charge of a Watch.

This is an internationally recognised qualification and will enable the holder to apply for post not only in Gibraltar but throughout the maritime world

Ideally candidates must be in possession of the following qualifications before commencement of training:

1. "A" Level Standard Entry: Five GCSE awards at Grades A, B or C. Two of these GCSEs, including either Mathematics or a Physical Science, must have been studied to Advanced Level (A2) and attained a Pass at Grades A – E.
2. "GCSE" Enhanced Level Entry: Five GCSE awards at Grades A, B or C in English Language, Mathematics and a Physical Science plus two other subjects. Enhanced entrants will be required to follow an "academic ramp" which will involve additional College studies to meet HND requirements.
3. Alternatively candidates with good practical skills and a suitable aptitude for the maritime industry may be considered following an individual interview.

4. Candidates serving as ratings, with sufficient sea-time, may also be considered following an individual interview

Applications are invited from persons who:

1. Reside in Gibraltar and are British Citizens, British Dependent Territories Citizens or British Overseas Citizens, or
2. are British Dependent Territories Citizens having a connection with Gibraltar (including those who are also British Citizens by Registration under Section 5 of the British Nationality Act 1981); and
3. Have attained the age of eighteen by 1st September 2009; and
4. Have been ordinarily resident in Gibraltar for a minimum period of five years immediately prior to commencement of the course.

Information regarding the course and life-at-sea may be obtained from the Department of Shipping on telephone number 20046862 or the Department of Education and Training on telephone number 20078201. Further information may also be obtained by visiting the careers at sea website at <http://www.careersatsea.org/lifestyle.asp>

Applications, including a copy of the applicant's "Curriculum Vitae", must be received by the Department of Education and Training at 23 Queensway not later than Wednesday 4th March 2009.