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## Application for Commercial Endorsement

### NOTES FOR APPLICANTS

If you take up to 12 paying customers to sea on Vessels under 200 gross tonnes you are probably required by law to hold an RYA Certificate of Competence with a Commercial Endorsement.

If you are taking more than 12 paying passengers or/and a vessel greater than 200 gross tonnes you may require other qualifications administered by the Maritime Coastguard Agency (MCA). For further details you can visit: [www.mcga.gov.uk](http://www.mcga.gov.uk)

Full details of the requirements for the boats and manning can be found in the following:

- Harmonised Code of Practice for Small Commercial Vessels (available to view on the MCA web site [www.mcga.gov.uk](http://www.mcga.gov.uk))

The Commercial Endorsement is valid for 5 years or until the candidate's 65th Birthday, whichever occurs first. From the age of 65 onwards (MSF4112/Rev0305 page 7/8) the commercial endorsement must be renewed annually, requiring a new medical fitness examination (ML5 or ENG1) and evidence of active service declared.

RYA Instructors and Examiners who are re-tested practically to re-validate do not have to record their active service.

#### 1. NAME

Title Mr/Mrs/Miss/Other \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Name First \_\_\_\_\_ Surname \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Day \_\_\_\_\_ Evening \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ RYA Membership Number \_\_\_\_\_

#### 2. CERTIFICATE TO BE COMMERCIALY ENDORSED

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yachtmaster Ocean Certificate of Competence                          | Power/Sail* (*Delete as necessary)  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yachtmaster Offshore Certificate of Competence                       | Power/Sail*   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Skipper/Yachtmaster Coastal Certificate of Competence        | Power/Sail*   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced Powerboat Certificate of Competence (From 1st January 2005) |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced Powerboat Course Completion Certificate                     | (only available on course completion certificates issued before 1st January 2005) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Powerboat Level 2  | Coastal/Inland*   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Day Skipper Practical & Theory                                       | Power/Sail*   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Day Skipper Practical (Tidal waters only)                            | Power/Sail*   |

Holders of a non tidal Day Skipper Practical certificate must also hold a Day Skipper Shorebased certificate. All certificates and licenses of competency are to be appropriate to type of vessel in which they are used.

#### 3. ENCLOSURES CHECKLIST - Please ensure you submit the following with this application form.

- The original Certificate you require endorsing
- A copy of your Personal Survival Techniques STCW 95 or RYA Basic Sea Survival Certificate
- The original ML5 Medical Report Form & Certificate or ENG1 (please see table overleaf)
- The endorsement fee of £32 made payable to RYA or complete Credit/Debit card details overleaf.
- A passport sized photograph

**Please note:** If you are submitting an ML5 Medical Report form and certificate with your application and the Doctor has entered any ticks within the section Box 1, your Medical will need to be referred to the MCA and they will not accept any Medicals which are more than 3 months old. Please contact the RYA Certification Department for further details on 023 8060 4146.

**FROM APRIL 2012:** Applicants for the commercial endorsement will also have to complete an online course and assessment covering their role and responsibilities when working at sea.

#### 4. STCW 95 ENDORSEMENT

The STCW 95 endorsement is for holders of the RYA Yachtmaster Offshore and Yachtmaster Ocean Certificates of Competence working under non-UK maritime authorities. It requires you to take 4 additional courses:

Personal Survival Techniques (STCW A-V1/1-1)

Personal Safety and Social Responsibilities (STCW A-V1/1-4)

Elementary First Aid (STCW A-V1/1-3)

Fire Fighting and Fire Prevention (STCW A-V1/1-2)

The following wording will appear on your certificate:

The certificate holder complies with STCW 95 regulations V1/1 Sections V1/1-4. This certificate is valid for use as a Master of yachts of up to 200gt on commercially and privately registered yachts until (date of expiry).

Please note that if you wish to add the STCW 95 endorsement at the point of applying for your commercial endorsement you will not be required to pay an additional fee. However, should you wish to add the STCW 95 endorsement whilst holding a current commercial endorsement then a fee of £32.00 will be required.

The RYA is developing an online training course to prepare commercial endorsement holders for the extra responsibilities of being a professional skipper or crew, above those needed for safe leisure boating. The course will cover the legal requirements, regulations, guidance and processes for managing the vessel and its crew. From April 2012 this will become a pre-requisite for anyone applying for their first commercial endorsement, and for those renewing their endorsement. Further details will be available nearer the time through RYA Magazine, [www.rya.org.uk](http://www.rya.org.uk) and the marine press.

The Certificate you require will depend on the area of operation under the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) Codes of Practice. Commercial vessels under 24 metres are surveyed and certified for different categories of use as detailed in the table below:

CATEGORY	AREA	SKIPPER QUALIFICATION	MATE QUALIFICATION	MEDICAL REQUIRED
0	Worldwide	RYA Yachtmaster Ocean* COC	RYA Yachtmaster Offshore	ENG1
1	Up to 150M from Safe Haven	RYA Yachtmaster Offshore* COC	RYA Coastal Skipper/ Yachtmaster Coastal	ENG1
2	Up to 60M from Safe Haven	RYA Yachtmaster Offshore* COC	Experienced Person (as identified by the Skipper)	ML5 or ENG1
3 & 4	Up to 20M from Safe Haven	Coastal Skipper COC/Yachtmaster Coastal COC Advanced Powerboat COC		ML5 or ENG1
5	Up to 20M from a Nominated Departure Point in fine weather & daylight	Coastal Skipper COC/Yachtmaster Coastal COC MCA Boatmaster 3 Advanced Powerboat COC Day Skipper Theory & Practical		ML5 or ENG1
6	Within 3M of a Nominated Departure Point	Coastal Skipper COC/Yachtmaster Coastal COC MCA Boatmaster 3 Powerboat level 2 & Advanced Day Skipper Practical (Tidal)		ML5 or ENG1

\*These qualifications can be used on vessels up to 200gt.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The ML5 can only be issued by a UK GMC Registered Doctor. The ENG1 Medical is only issued by an MCA Approved Doctor. If you require an ENG1 Medical please contact the MCA on 023 8032 9100 or visit their web site [www.mcga.gov.uk](http://www.mcga.gov.uk)

**FAST TRACK SERVICE:** For a small additional charge we can guarantee a two working day turnaround from the date we receive the application. If you require this service, please clearly mark your application with FAST TRACK and include either £20 for non RYA members, £15 for RYA standard members and £10 for RYA Gold members. This fee should be paid by cheque, payable to the RYA or by completing the payment form on this application.

**Payment by Credit/Debit Card**

Cardholders Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Daytime Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Please debit my **Visa/Mastercard/SwitchCard/Maestro** (delete as applicable)

Amount £ \_\_\_\_\_ Payment for \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of Order \_\_\_\_\_ RYA Membership No. \_\_\_\_\_

Card Number

Card Start Date     Card Expiry Date     Switch Issue No.   Card Security No.

Cardholder's Signature \_\_\_\_\_