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RYA MCA Exam Application

for candidates applying through an RYA Exam Centre or Recognised Training centre. Please read the notes overleaf before completing the application form. To apply online, please see www.rya.org.uk

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NOTES ON RYA/MCA EXAMINATION APPLICATION

1. Candidate details

Please print your name and contact details clearly to ensure that the correct details appear on your certificate. Ensure that you specify which certificate you wish to be examined for. Only holders of RYA/MCA Certificates of Competence can be examined for conversion exams.

2. Boat to be used for the exam

The selection and provision of the boat for a practical exam is the responsibility of the candidate. She must be sound, adequately equipped for the area in which the exam is to take place and sufficient crew must be provided by the candidate in order to man the boat efficiently. In general, for Coastal Skipper and Yachtmaster exams, boats used for exams must be at least 24ft LOA. For Advanced Powerboat exams, the vessel must be seaworthy for the area of the exam.

3. Date of examination requested

Ideally about six weeks' notice should be given and it is helpful if you can give options rather than a single date (eg any weekend, late June or early July). Please note that some exam centres are educational establishments and applications received during academic holidays may be subject to delay.

4. Qualifying seatime

It is the responsibility of the candidate to ensure that the necessary qualifying seatime is logged (see below). Do not send your logbook with the application form, but it must be shown to the Examiner at the time of the examination. Please note that no more than 50% of the total qualifying seatime may be acquired in non-tidal seas such as the Baltic or Mediterranean.

Seatime:

Advanced Powerboat

Two years relevant experience including night pilotage. (As a guide 30 days, 2 days as skipper, 800 miles, 12 night hours)*

*If you hold an RYA Advanced Powerboat Course Completion Certificate the seatime is reduced to: 20 Days, 2 days as skipper, 400 miles, and 12 night hours.

Yachtmaster Coastal

30 days seatime, 2 days as skipper, 800 miles, 12 night hours*

*If you hold a Coastal Skipper Practical Course Completion Certificate the seatime requirement is reduced to 20 days (2 days as skipper), 400 miles and 12 night hours.

Yachtmaster Offshore

50 days seatime, 5 days as skipper, 2500 miles, 5 passages over 60 miles including 2 overnight and 2 as skipper.

5. Marine Radio Operator Certificate

All candidates are required to hold a RYA SRC Certificate or another acceptable Marine Radio Operators Certificate. Please enter your certificate number.

6. First Aid Certificate

All candidates are required to hold either an RYA First Aid Certificate or another acceptable First Aid Certificate, as detailed on the RYA website.

7. Previous examination results

Please include details of any previous failures. We try to avoid using an Examiner who has previously failed a candidate for a subsequent exam.

8. Course completion certificates

This section must be completed by candidates for a Coastal Skipper or Advanced Powerboat exam who are claiming a reduction in qualifying seatime. The course completion certificate must be shown to the Examiner at the time of the exam (do not send them with the application).

Where to apply

You may apply to any of the examination centres listed in the current editions of the Sailing or Motor Cruising logbooks (RYA book ref. G15 or G18). Candidates may also apply for an examination online at www.rya.org.uk

Candidates requiring a Commercial Endorsement

Candidates who require the Commercial Endorsement must provide a Maritime and Coastguard Agency Certificate of Medical Fitness and a MCA approved Basic Sea Survival course completion certificate.

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