



Maritime &  
Coastguard  
Agency

APPLICATION FOR AN ORAL EXAMINATION LEADING TO  
THE ISSUE OF A CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY (STCW)  
Engineer Officers in the Merchant Navy

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**IMPORTANT - BEFORE** completing this form, please ensure you have read the guidance notes and instructions on pages 6 to 9.

If this is your first UK CoC application, please post your application and supporting documents to UK Seafarer Services (Training & Certification), Maritime and Coastguard Agency, Spring Place, 105 Commercial Road, Southampton SO15 1EG

For all other applicants, please email your application and scanned documents to [engineering@mcga.gov.uk](mailto:engineering@mcga.gov.uk) – please note you may be selected for random screening, which will require you to post original documents to us (as per with [MIN 655](#)).

## 1 PERSONAL DETAILS

Title Mr/Mrs/Miss/Capt etc				Sex: Male/Female	
Surname /Family name					
Forename(s) in full					
Date of Birth (DD/MM/YYYY)					
Place of Birth				Country of Birth	
Nationality					
<b>Return Delivery Address</b>					
Address					
District					
Town/City					
County/State					
Post Code/Zip					
Country					
Email Address					
Mobile No			Tel No		
Sponsoring Company Email, <b>for UK Cadets only</b> ; we will copy your company in, if we request further documentation and when we issue your NOE:			Email:		

## 2 CERTIFICATE APPLIED FOR

Capacity	STCW Reference	Power Limits (kW)	Area Limitation	Steam/ Motor/Combined	Please tick ✓
OOW Engineer	III/1	Unlimited	None		
Second Engineer	III/3	Less than 3000	Near Coastal		
Second Engineer	III/3	Less than 3000	None		
Second Engineer	III/2	Less than 9000	Near Coastal		
Second Engineer	III/2	Unlimited	None		
Chief Engineer	III/3	Less than 3000	None		
Chief Engineer	III/2	Less than 9000	Near Coastal		
Chief Engineer	III/2	Unlimited	None		
Marine Engine Operator Licence		Less than 750	UK Near Coastal	N/A	
Senior Marine Engine Operator Licence		Less than 750	None	N/A	

Please do not write below this line

Received Date:	Documents:	SDS No:
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## 4 CHECKLISTS

Before a Certificate of Competency can be issued, you will need to submit the following documentation

If you already hold a certificate of Competency or you must email it in with this application and give the following details below

Certificate No:	Capacity:	Country of Issue:
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### 4A FOR ALL APPLICANTS

✓ if  
enclosed

Official  
use only

Copy of Passport and Visa if applicable (refer to guidance notes)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Discharge Book <b>OR</b> Certificates of Discharge ( <b>must be originals</b> )	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sea Service Testimonials ( <b>must be originals</b> )	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Two Passport Size Photographs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Valid Medical Fitness Certificate	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

\* To comply with health and safety requirements in accordance with the Merchant Shipping Training & Certification (Medical Examination) Regulations 2002 and STCW Regulation I/9, any seafarer employed or engaged in any capacity aboard a seagoing vessel must hold a valid medical fitness certificate attesting to their medical fitness for the work for which they are employed. Further information may be obtained from the MCA. **Medical Fitness Certificates must be valid at the time of issue of the CoC. This should be re-submitted with your NOE pass.**

### 4B APPLICANTS FOR FIRST CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY

✓ if  
enclosed

Official  
use only

Letter of Initial Assessment <b>OR</b> College letter confirming approved training programme ( <b>this must confirm the date you enrolled on the programme</b> )	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
MNTB Training Record Book (If applicable)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Elementary First Aid STCW <b>A-VI/1-3</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fire Prevention and Fire Fighting STCW <b>A-VI/1-2</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Personal Survival Techniques STCW <b>A-VI/1-1</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Personal Safety and Social Responsibilities STCW <b>A-VI/1-4</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advanced Fire Fighting* STCW <b>A-VI/3</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Certificate of Proficiency in Survival Craft and Rescue Boats* STCW <b>A-VI/2</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Medical First Aid* STCW <b>A-VI/4-1</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
MNTB Workshop Skills Certificate* or MSQ equivalent*	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
High Voltage (>1000V) Certificate/College Letter/Service Letter if applicable * (see guidance notes)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
MNTB/MCA Approved UK Academic Qualifications <b>OR</b> IAMI Assessment Letter <b>AND</b> relevant qualification certificates and transcripts, <b>if applying for exemptions.</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

\* These documents may be submitted later when applying for your Certificate of Competency.

### 4C APPLICANTS FOR SUBSEQUENT CERTIFICATES OF COMPETENCY

✓ if  
enclosed

Official  
use only

MNTB/MCA Approved UK Academic Qualifications <b>OR</b> IAMI Assessment Letter <b>AND</b> relevant qualification certificates and transcripts, <b>if applying for exemptions.</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
High Voltage (>1000V) Systems Management Certificate (see guidance notes)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

### 4D HELM REQUIREMENTS

✓ if  
enclose

Official  
use only

MCA Approved HELM Operational Certificate * or HELM Management Certificate	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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\* EOOW – This is not required for cadets following an MNTB approved officer training scheme. If you are following an MCA approved overseas collaborative programme (so called one plus one schemes) you should consult with the UK parent college as agreements will be made with the MCA on a programme by programme basis.

**The HELM certificate is not required for the issue of your NOE, but this certificate must be received by the MCA prior to the issue of your CoC.**

## 4D For all applicants expecting to receive a Certificate of Competency after the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017

From 01 January 2017 you will be required to provide documentary evidence of either completing the training course or updating your training within the 5 years preceding the issue of your Certificate of Competency for (for further information please refer to [MSN 1865](#)):

Fire Prevention and Fire Fighting < 5 years old				
Personal Survival Techniques < 5 years old				
Advanced Fire Fighting < 5 years old				
Proficiency in Survival Craft and Rescue Boats < 5 years old				

## 5 DECLARATION

(The maximum penalty for a false declaration is £5000)

I declare that the data contained in this application is, to the best of my knowledge, true and complete. I also declare that the documents are genuine, given and signed by the persons whose names appear on them. I consent to any processing of the data contained in this application by the MCA (including any processing necessary to establish the authenticity and validity of the issued certificate). Please refer to our privacy statement in Section 2 of the guidance notes which explains how we use the personal information we collect from you.

Signature:

For office use only

Today's date: .....

Please sign with your usual signature **within** the signature box above.

- Please print this form to sign it.
- You must use black ink only.
- You must not extend beyond the boundary of the box.
- The maximum dimensions for your signature are 0.6 cm (h) x 5.0 cm (w).
- You must scan in at a minimum of 200dpi and the signature must be clearly legible.

This signature will be transferred to your certificate. If your signature does not meet the above criteria, we will not be able to issue your certificate.

## 6 COUNTER SIGNATURE

Name			
Address			
Town / City			
County/State			
Post Code/Zip		Country	
Telephone No		Occupation	
Capacity in which you know the applicant			

I declare that the information given is, to the best of my knowledge, true and complete. I also declare that the documents submitted are, to the best of my knowledge, genuine and relate to the person(s) whose names appear on them. I confirm that the photographs submitted bear a true current likeness of the applicant.

Signed.....

Date.....

## 7 PAYMENT

You must ensure you pay the appropriate fee (as laid down in the current Merchant Shipping Fees Regulations)

Payment should be made in pounds sterling (£), by BACs transfer, credit or debit card via online payment facility **Gov.uk Pay** by following the links below.

We are unable to accept cheques, postal orders, banker's drafts or cash.

The fee for an NoE application is £220.00 which includes the cost of a courier service.

The fee for an upgrade with no oral examination is £77. Postage to the UK is an additional £10, postage to Europe is an additional £20 and postage to the rest of the world is an additional £30.

Please tick (✓) the appropriate box below to indicate your chosen method of payment.

### Notice of Eligibility Application

To pay via Gov.UK Pay for your Notice of Eligibility: £220.00

<https://www.gov.uk/payments/seafarer-training-courses/new-application-for-engineering-certificate-of-competency-including-marine-engineer-operators-licence-or-fishing-or-upgrade>

### UK Certificate of Competency Upgrade Applications without Oral Examination.

To pay via Gov.UK Pay for delivery to the **UK**: £87.00

<https://www.gov.uk/payments/seafarer-training-courses/uk-upgrade-application-for-engineering-certificate-of-competency-including-marine-engineer-operators-licence-or-fishing-or-upgrade>

To pay via Gov.UK Pay for delivery to the **European Union or EEA**: £97.00

<https://www.gov.uk/payments/seafarer-training-courses/eu-upgrade-application-for-engineering-certificate-of-competency-including-marine-engineer-operators-licence-or-fishing-or-upgrade>

To pay via Gov.UK Pay for delivery to the **Rest of the World**: £107.00

<https://www.gov.uk/payments/seafarer-training-courses/row-upgrade-application-for-engineering-certificate-of-competency-including-marine-engineer-operators-licence-or-fishing-or-upgrade>

If you wish to pay by BACS transfer, please email [seafarer.finance@mca.gov.uk](mailto:seafarer.finance@mca.gov.uk) for our bank details.

## GUIDANCE NOTES FOR THE COMPLETION OF THIS APPLICATION FORM

PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU READ AND UNDERSTAND THESE NOTES BEFORE COMPLETING THE FORM

Further guidance is available in [MSN 1857](#).

Please complete this form in **BLOCK LETTERS** and in **black ink**.

**ENSURE YOU COMPLETE THIS FORM IN FULL - FAILURE TO DO SO MAY MEAN THAT WE WILL HAVE TO RETURN YOUR APPLICATION TO YOU AND WILL RESULT IN A DELAY TO YOUR APPLICATION BEING PROCESSED.**

Enclose all documents necessary to establish your eligibility for examination for an STCW Certificate of Competency. Document checklists are provided on page 3 to help you.

If eligible you will be issued with a Notice of Eligibility enabling you to sit an MCA oral examination. The Notice of Eligibility will advise you how to apply for an appointment for the examination and what you should do once you have taken the examination. The NoE will be valid for 5 years from the date of issue. Oral examination passes for each level of certification are valid for three years. The oral examination pass **must** be in date at the time of issue of the CoC.

A series of Training and Certification Guidance Notes, giving further details of requirements are available from the Seafarer Training & Certification Branch; the contact details are overleaf or they can be found on our website: Search [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) for "Engineer CoC".

### 1 PERSONAL DETAILS

Enter your personal details in the boxes provided. Your name should be given IN FULL and should be given in the same format as appears in your passport or other national identity document.

Your date of birth should be given in the format DD/MM/YYYY, e.g. 18 February 1965 would be written 18/02/1965.

You should give your permanent home address, where you are normally resident. You may also provide an alternative address for return of documents or correspondence relating to this application, e.g. if you are away at College.

### 2 CERTIFICATE APPLIED FOR

Please tick (✓) the capacity / limitations for which you are applying. Only tick **ONE** box.

### 3 PRIVACY STATEMENT

Personal information which you supply to us will be used to process your application to meet the applicable Standards of Training Certification and Watchkeeping (STCW) requirements. To check and report on how effective the MCA and the services it commissions have been. To make sure that the MCA gives value for money. We may use your information to investigate complaints, legal claims or important incidents. We may use your information for crime prevention and prosecution of offenders.

The information you provide is primarily used for issuing your UK Certificate of Competency (CoC)/ Flag State Endorsement (Certificate of Equivalent Competency) (FSE) but may also be used for other related purposes and shared with other statutory bodies/organisations to enable them to fulfil their statutory obligations.

We will not disclose any financial details you provide to us. Once your payment has been processed all financial details are securely destroyed.

For more information on how we use your information, and your rights to access information we hold on you, please see our full privacy policy available on our website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/maritime-and-coastguard-agency>

### 4 SEA SERVICE

Sea service must be supported by Discharge Book entries OR Certificates of Discharge, sea service testimonials, and where appropriate, watch keeping certificates. Testimonials must be signed by the Chief Engineer or Master or in exceptional circumstances by the Superintendent responsible for the vessel.

Requirements: this is a summary only, please refer to MSN 1857 for the full requirements.

If you have been issued with a Letter of Initial Assessment (LIA) by the MCA, then this will detail the sea time and education requirements that you must meet to gain a NOE and COC.

Unlimited COCs (for limited COCs refer to flowchart on page 9)

Engineer Officer of the Watch:

- Approved cadetship route: 6 months sea time with watchkeeping duties, plus additional 3 months of: seagoing service, or; combined workshop/industrial training, or; 1 month MCA approved lab time and 2 months seagoing/industrial training.
- Experienced seafarer route: a total of 33 months sea time in order to obtain the COC. 24 months before registering with the college and a subsequent 9 months (including 6 months watchkeeping) whilst completing the training programme.

Second Engineer: 12 months seagoing service as EOOW, including 9 months watchkeeping time

Chief Engineer: 12 months seagoing time as **Second Engineer** since issue of Second Engineer COC, or 36 months sea time since issue of EOOW COC, including 18 months watchkeeping on vessels of 3000 kW or more

**The unlimited progression route is summarised on a flow chart on page 8.**

**The near-coastal progression route is summarised on a flow chart on page 9.**

## 5 CHECKLISTS

Before a United Kingdom Certificate of Competency can be issued, you will need to submit certain documentation as specified in this section. Any candidate failing to submit all the required documents may have their application returned without being processed.

**4A - ALL APPLICATIONS - ALL** the documents in this section **MUST** be provided with this application before a Notice of Eligibility will be issued. Please ensure you tick (✓) each box to indicate that you have enclosed the documents.

**Photographs:** Your photographs must be taken full face without a hat and must be UK approved passport photographs, measuring a maximum of 50mm x 40mm, in colour with a plain white background.

**4B - APPLICATIONS FOR A FIRST CERTIFICATE:** Documents in this section must be provided with this application unless otherwise stated. Please ensure you tick (✓) the relevant boxes to indicate which documents you have enclosed with this application.

**4C - APPLICATIONS FOR A SUBSEQUENT CERTIFICATE:** Documents in this section must be provided with this application. Please ensure you tick (✓) the relevant boxes to indicate which documents you have enclosed with this application.

### Further Evidence of Training required before your CoC can be issued

The following documentary evidence will need to be provided before your CoC can be issued, however it is not required for the issue of your NOE.

#### EOOW:

Approved cadetship route:

- HND/HNC/Foundation degree completion certificate
- IAMI Engineering Knowledge General and Motor/Steam (not required if Foundation degree completed)

Experienced Seafarers:

- IAMI Engineering Knowledge General and Motor/Steam (less than 3 years old)
- IAMI Control Engineering (less than three years old)
- IAMI Science A & B
- HELM (Operational)

**Second Engineer:** the following SQA academic subjects at Second or Chief Engineer level, or an award which gives exemption:

- Applied Mechanics
- Applied Heat
- Electrotechnology
- Naval Architecture
- Engineering Drawing
- Mathematics

The following Engineering Knowledge examinations sections at Second Engineer level:

- General
- Motor and/or steam (as applicable)

HELM (Management) - see below for more information

**Chief Engineer:** the following SQA academic subjects at Chief Engineer level, or an award which gives exemption:

- Applied Mechanics
- Applied Heat
- Electrotechnology
- Naval Architecture

The following Engineering Knowledge examinations sections at Chief Engineer level:

- General
- Motor and/or steam (as applicable)

HELM (Management) - see below for more information

**4C Continued: - HIGH VOLTAGE (HV) CERTIFICATES (>1000V):** Documentary evidence for completion of high voltage training is required in order for your Certificate of Competency (CoC) to be valid on vessels with HV systems. If you have not completed this training your certificate will carry the following limitation:

“not valid for service on ships fitted with high voltage systems”.

**For EOW CoC Reg. III/1 (Operational Level):**

- College letter confirming the High Voltage (HV) Operational element has been completed as part of your MCA approved education programme (HNC/HND or Foundation Degree) **or**;
- Completion of MCA approved HV course **or**;
- Completion of the following sea service in the engine room on vessels fitted with HV systems:
  - Six months in the preceding five years; or three months sea service during the last twelve months (**sea service evidence should be provided in the form of a company letter signed by an authorised official within the company**).

**For Second/Chief Engineer Officer CoC Reg. III/2 and III/3 (Management Level):**

- Completion of MCA approved High Voltage Management course

**Human Element, Leadership Management (HELM) Certificate:** STCW Convention and Code, 1978 as amended 2010, brings in new requirements for leadership and management training. Although the UK has identified that these requirements are broadly met in the current MNTB approved officer training programmes for the operational level, specific training programmes in Human Element, Leadership and Management (HELM) have been developed at both the operational level (to be used for non MNTB officer cadet training programmes) and at the management level.

**Engineer Officer of the Watch Applications:** If you are not following an MNTB approved officer training scheme (e.g. experienced seafarer, engineer graduate entry, engineer apprenticeship entry, Royal Navy transfer, etc.) you must include a certificate of completion of an approved HELM operational course. If you are following an MCA approved overseas collaborative programme (so called one plus one scheme) you should consult with the UK parent college as agreements will be made with the MCA on a programme by programme basis.

**Second Engineer (unrestricted) and Chief Engineer (unrestricted): Applications** You must include a certificate of completion of an approved HELM management level course. This includes those working on Standby, Seismic Survey and Oceanographic Research Vessels.

For further information please refer to **Section 6.5 (pages 17 & 18) of MSN 1857** which is available on our website: go to [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) and search [MSN 1857](#)

## 6 YOUR SIGNATURE AND DECLARATION

Please read the declaration. Once you are sure that the information you have given is, to the best of your knowledge, true and complete, and that the documents submitted are genuine, given and signed by the persons whose names appear on them, you should sign the declaration with your usual signature, including the date. Please ensure your signature is inside the box as this will be transferred to your CoC.

## 7 COUNTER SIGNATURE

You should obtain a counter signature from a responsible person who is NOT related to you and has known you for at least 2 years. They should enter their details in this section. This person must endorse the rear of one of your passport style photographs "I confirm that this is a true current likeness of [your name]" and add their usual signature and date. See also guidance note 4 on photographs.

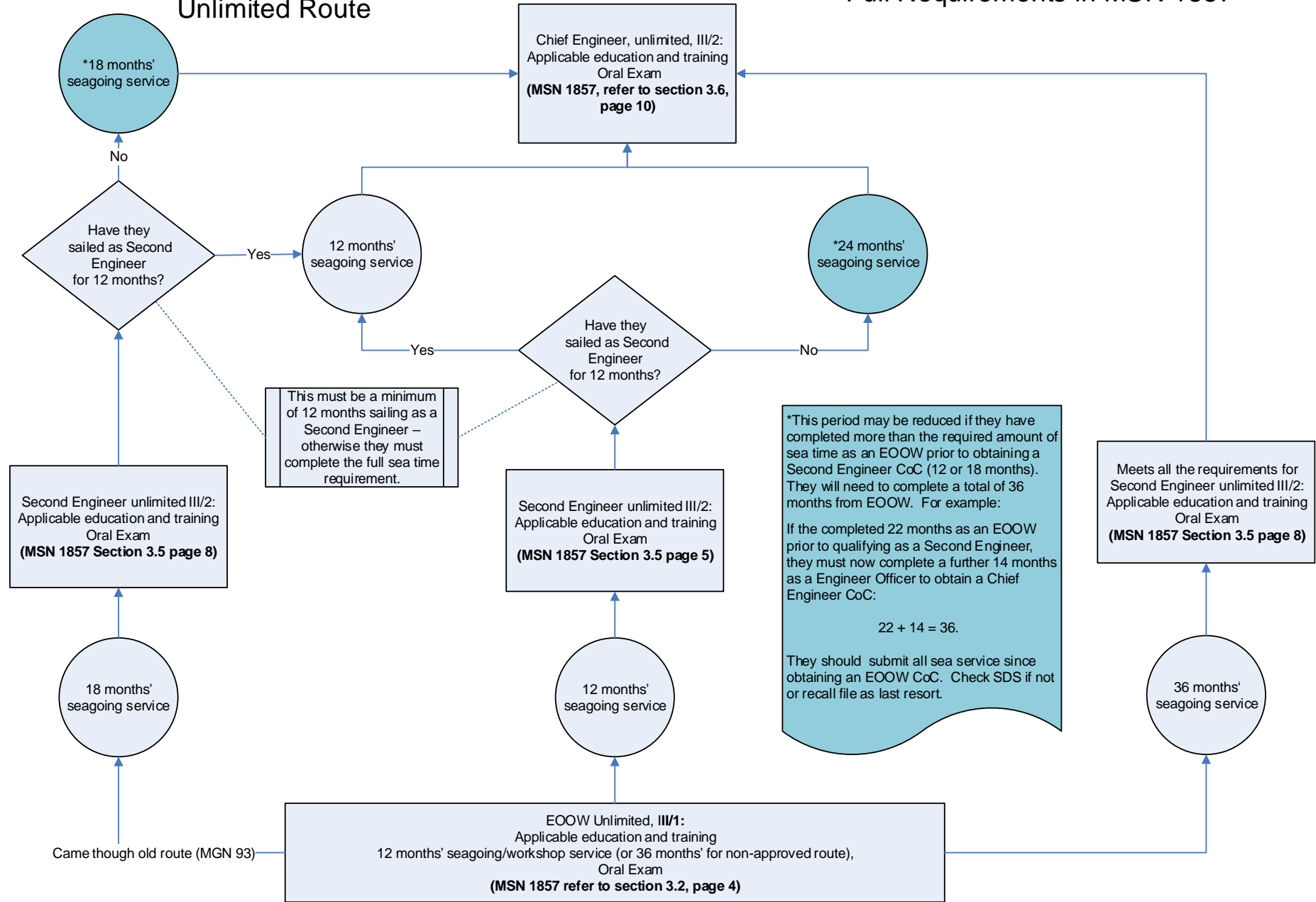
## 8 PAYMENT

You must enclose the appropriate fee with your application. The fee includes worldwide postage. Please tick (✓) the appropriate box to indicate your chosen method of payment. Payment must be made in pounds sterling (£). Please sign to confirm the amount and chosen method of payment.

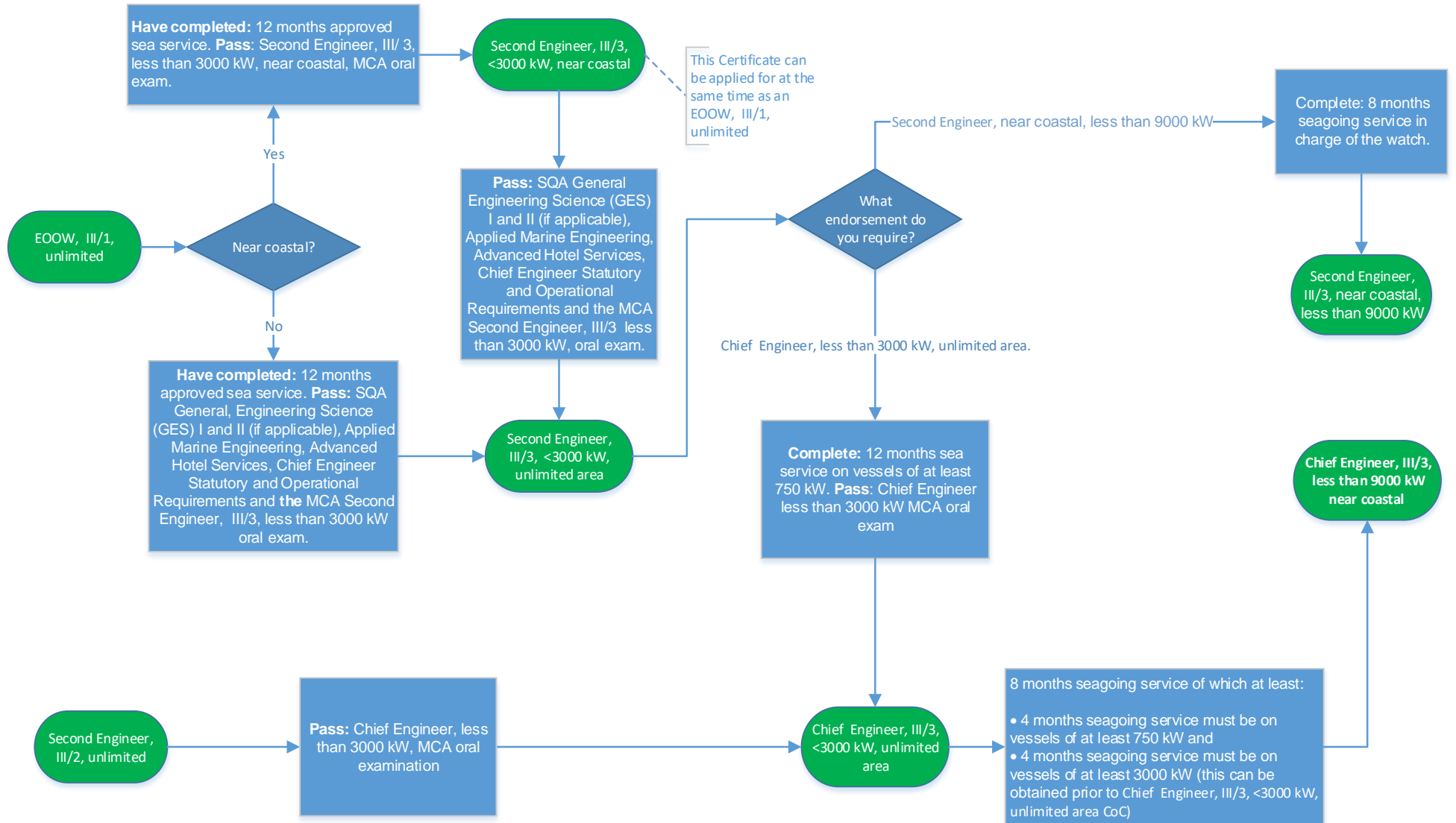


## New Sea Time Requirements for Unlimited Route

## Full Requirements in MSN 1857



**This flow chart is to summarise the progression through the limited Certificate of Competency structure. To be issued with a Certificate of Competency (CoC) you must meet the full requirements listed in the applicable section of MSN 1857.**



To be issued with a Certificate of Competency, you must meet all the requirements of the relevant section of MSN 1857; for CoCs less than 3000 kW, unlimited area, please refer to section 3.7 and for CoCs with a near coastal limitation please refer to section 3.8.