

QUALIFIED DECK CREW

Program Prospectus

Qualified Deck Crew can work on passenger and non-passenger ships and passenger ships of less than 24 metres length, operating in restricted and near-coastal waters.

This program will help students complete their Training Record Book (TRB) and prepare them for the oral exam conducted by Maritime New Zealand (MNZ).

Qualification:	Leads to Qualified Deck Crew (QDC)
Aim:	To provide entry level mariners with basic knowledge and practical skills to become a competent deck crew member.
Recognition:	QDC is a national deck certificate issued by MNZ. This training can count towards Skipper Restricted Limits (SRL) through Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL).
MNZ Training Record Book:	We have developed a Student Workbook that makes it easier to complete the MNZ Training Record Book (TRB). You can complete the TRB with us on our training vessel, or you can complete it on your work vessel.
Entry Requirements:	No minimum academic qualifications required. To become a Qualified Deck Crew, MNZ will require you to have a complete TRB, hold the required ancillary certificates, pass the MNZ oral exam, prove that you are a fit and proper person, be medically fit and have good eyesight, be at least 16 years old and have appropriate English conversation, reading and writing skills.
Timeframe:	Plan on taking a month to complete at your workplace. This time can be reduced if you come to us to complete the TRB and ancillaries: Radio and First Aid (If needed*).
Location:	Nelson, Bay of Islands and other locations (including your workplace) upon request.
Price:	Please check our website or contact us for pricing details.

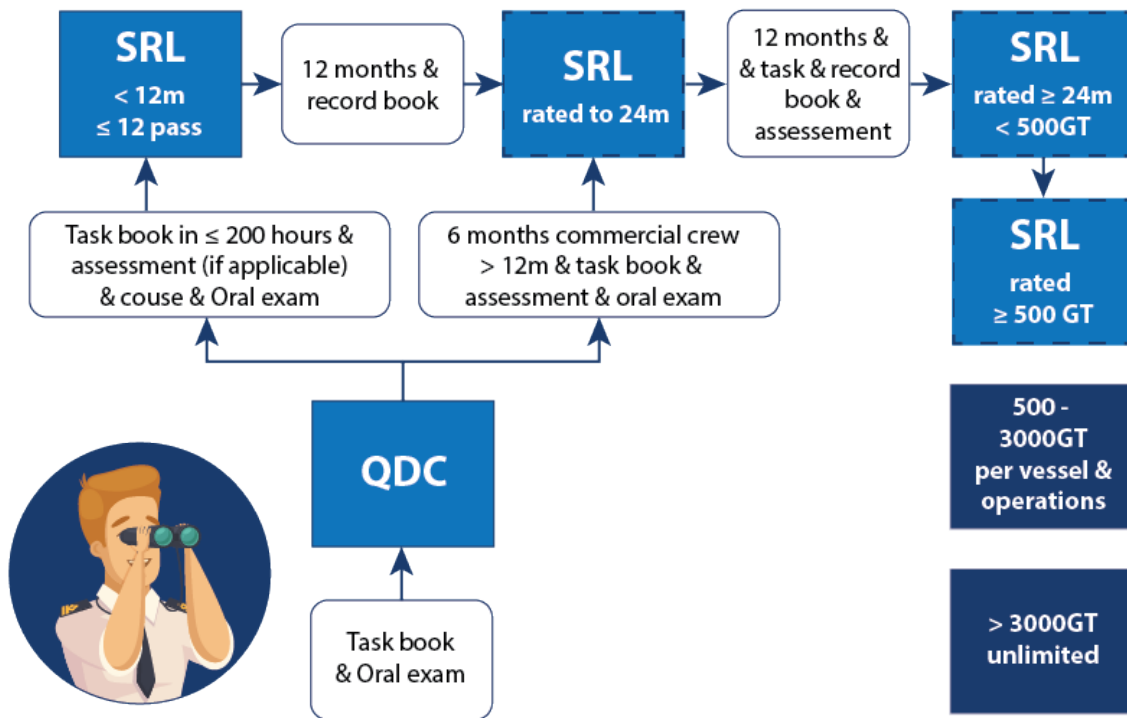
This program builds the knowledge and confidence of younger crew members to foster competent, qualified, skilled, and safety conscious individuals that contribute to a safer environment on board vessels and safe working practices.

Career Pathways:

On completion of this program, you will have gained skills and knowledge required to become a competent deck crew member on vessels operating in restricted or near-coastal waters.

After gaining sufficient sea experience, you can then progress your career to the next level by gaining the Skipper Restricted Limits certificate (SRL offered by STNZ). This opens further opportunities to becoming a Watchkeeper, and ultimately a Skipper on larger vessels without restrictions.

This is how your maritime career could progress:



(Image adapted from Maritime New Zealand, Seafarer Training Record Book for Qualified Deck Crew Certificate (QDC) of Proficiency, Page 6)

The tasks of a Qualified Deck Crew member may include:

- Being part of a bridge team in maintaining lookout watches
- Helping out with passenger or cargo operations
- Conducting routine vessel checks and maintenance
- Assisting during mooring operations etc.

Additional Costs:

- (Optional) Sea Survival – Wet Drills, \$275 GST Exclusive
- Remote learning (We can come to you) – Tutor accommodation and travel will be at the expense of the student/employer.

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