

Skipper Fishing Vessel Unlimited

With this certificate, you can perform the functions and duties of Skipper on a fishing vessel of any size in any operating area. This is the highest-level command certificate for a fishing vessel.

Aim: To provide mariners with knowledge and skills to command a deep sea fishing vessel and to prepare for the Maritime New Zealand (MNZ) Skipper Fishing Vessel Unlimited certificate of competency exam.

Recognition: Our NZQA approved program New Zealand Diploma in Fishing Vessel Operations (Level 6) with optional strand in Fishing Vessel Skipper, meets the MNZ requirements for Skipper Fishing Vessel Unlimited

Programme Requirements: To enrol on this course students must hold a current certificate of competency: Mate Fishing Vessel – Unlimited or equivalent

MNZ Requirements MNZ have specific requirements for the issue of a certificate of competency:

- hold a current certificate of competency as Mate Fishing Vessel – Unlimited or equivalent and complete and pass the approved qualification for SFV-U
- prove you have met the minimum sea service requirements
- hold the STCW Medical First Aid certificate
- have current ancillary certificates and the STCW Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS) certificate of competency
- pass Maritime NZ's final exam
- prove that you are a fit and proper person
- be medically fit and have good eyesight

Dates: 18 August to 26 September 2025

Cost: TBA

Location: Skipper Training NZ – 85 Vickerman Street, Port Nelson, Nelson

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For further information on this program, please email info@skippertraining.ac.nz

Please refer to the [Maritime New Zealand Website](#) for the latest information.

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