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This is a list of the specifically-maritime apprenticeships currently available. Many companies in the maritime sector employ apprentices in other fields, from engineering to marketing, which are not specific to the maritime industry, and we've not listed them here.

In each case we have set out the formal title of the apprenticeship, hyperlinked, on the right, alongside the description in lay terms which we've used on the left. We've included the relevant flag to show where these apprenticeships are available because arrangements differ across the United Kingdom.

Level 2  Level 5 	Deck and Engine Room Operatives (called "ratings") on sea-going ships, especially ferries and cruise ships	Able Seafarer (Deck)  Maritime Electrical / Mechanical Mechanic  Deck Rating  Engine Room Rating 
	Maritime Caterer: cooking and related skills, at sea	Maritime Caterer  Hospitality, with Maritime Enhancements 
	Deck operatives on fishing boats	Fisher 
	Deck operatives on fishing boats	Sea Fishing 
	Marina and Boatyard operative	Marina and Boatyard Operative 
	Port operations, which vary widely depending on the port: general cargo, specialist (eg oil, fish), passengers, etc	Port operative  Port operations 
	Composite specialist roles within boatbuilding.	Composites Technician 
Level 3  Level 5 	Deck operatives on specialist workboats – small boats with 2/3 crew which (eg) support construction work, or take technicians to offshore windfarms	Workboat Operations  Workboat Operations 
Level 3 	Trainee skipper on inland waterways (especially the Thames in central London), both passenger & freight	Boatmaster 

	Junior officer in coastal waters, taking responsibility for vessels up to 500 gross tonnage.	Officer Of the Watch (Near Coastal) 
	Boatbuilding skills – which cover modern yachts and superyachts, as well as specialist commercial boats and traditional designs.	Boatbuilder  Boatbuilding and Repair 
	Marine engineering, for both new builds and repair / refit and maintenance.	Marine engineer 

Higher Level Apprenticeships , typically for people with substantial prior experience, eg as an officer at sea		
Level 4 	Port management	Port Marine Operations Officer 
Level 5 	Marine pilot	Marine Pilot 
Level 6 	Harbourmaster	Harbourmaster 
Level 6 	Marine Surveyor	Marine Surveyor 
Level 7 	Marine Technical Superintendent	Marine Technical Superintendent 

There are very good prospects for advancement in all of these maritime occupations, where the ability to *apply* skills and knowledge and understanding is highly valued.

In addition to these apprenticeships, there are also three-year programmes (called **cadetships**) leading to roles as junior officers in the Merchant Navy, certification as an “Officer Of the Watch” (which is recognised worldwide) and an HNC, HND or Foundation Degree as the underpinning academic qualification. You can find out more on the Careers At Sea website (see link below).

Good sources of further information

Apprenticeships in England: www.instituteforapprenticeships.org/apprenticeship-standards

Apprenticeship in Scotland: www.apprenticeships.scot/for-employers/browse-frameworks/modern-apprenticeships/maritime-occupations

Maritime Skills Alliance: www.maritimeskills.org/Apprenticeships

Careers At Sea: www.careersatsea.org

British Marine: www.britishmarine.co.uk/Careers/Marine-Apprenticeships