



# Fisher

## Level 2 Apprenticeship

### Is this the right course for me?

The broad purpose of the fisher apprenticeship is to train the next generation of the fishing industry to sustainably harvest fish and shellfish.. Fishing methods range from static gears such as shellfish pots through to modern, selective, high-tech trawl equipment.

A fisher works as part of a team, both onshore and at sea. They are involved in the entire end-to-end process, through to transporting the catch to market to enable it to be sold. They set up the fishing gear and fit it to a boat and watch-keep on a navigational passage to and from fishing grounds. They deploy and retrieve gear and catch, process, store and land the fish (or shellfish).

Fishers also help look after the marine environment in which they operate. They collect data for scientists and help inform future policies. This data informs fishing plans, catch limits and technical measures to ensure stocks are harvested sustainably A fisher adapts and improves processes to improve sustainability. They adapt to seasonal changes and vary their approach to catch different types of fish. They also adapt their approach in response to the sea, tides, and weather conditions.

### What will I learn?

- ❑ Sea Survival
- ❑ Firefighting and prevention
- ❑ Elementary first aid
- ❑ Essential health and safety
- ❑ Approved diesel engine course (AEC 1)
- ❑ Navigation, watchkeeping and stability awareness
- ❑ Fish identification
- ❑ Handling and grading fish
- ❑ Knife skills
- ❑ Net mending and fishing gear construction
- ❑ Financial management
- ❑ Introduction to sustainable fishing

### How will I learn?

The apprenticeship runs for 18 months, during which you will work onboard a commercial fishing vessel, with block release at College and an End Point Assessment. You can apply for your Under 16.5m Skipper Ticket via SEAFISH on completion of your apprenticeship.

**See overleaf for further information**



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### What are the entry criteria?

You will need to have achieved a Level 1/GCSE grades 1-3 or D-G in English and maths.

### What could I progress onto?

A career in the fishing industry can be a rewarding opportunity for individuals interested in offshore work. For those who would rather work onshore, there are also opportunities in the fishing industry for you as well.

Understanding the opportunities available to you in this field may help you make informed decisions about a career in fishing. Potential job roles include:

- Deckhand
- Fish cutter
- Boat rigger
- Fishing boat captain
- Distribution specialist
- Fisherman

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