



Training & Accreditation at Seafish

The Training & Accreditation team at Seafish works with the entire seafood industry to focus on improving quality, safety, sustainability and efficiency through training and standards-based accreditation schemes.

Our areas of expertise:

- ✓ Fishermen's training
- ✓ Onshore training
- ✓ Training records
- ✓ Processor and wholesaler certification
- ✓ Responsible Fishing Scheme
- ✓ Fish Friers Quality Award
- ✓ Grant funding
- ✓ Seafood Training Academy

To go to sea, fishermen must undergo statutory safety training in basic sea survival, fire fighting, health and safety and first aid. In addition, experienced skippers must attend safety awareness training. Skippers, mates and engineers working on fishing vessels above a certain length and engine power, and operating in certain sea areas, are required to hold statutory Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) Certificates of Competency. Seafish has developed a wide range of courses and learning materials for fishermen to help them gain further qualifications in their field.

As part of its service to the fishing industry, Seafish co-ordinates the delivery of all fishermen's safety

training through a network of approved training providers. The network covers the whole of the UK and many of the courses are run in port at convenient locations and at times to suit local fishing patterns. Each provider has its own competent instructors to deliver the training.

Whilst improving safety at sea is a key priority, Seafish also supports the training needs of the onshore sectors and was a founder member of the Seafood Training Academy. The Seafood Training Academy is a partnership between leading seafood schools in the UK and Seafish, under the umbrella of the National Skills Academy for Food and Drink Manufacturing.









Seafish has a comprehensive suite of seafood-specific training programmes which are delivered by Seafood Training Academy partners.

In addition to training, Seafish also provides support for fishing vessels and seafood businesses seeking certification against recognised standards to evidence their compliance with good industry practice. These include:

Responsible Fishing Scheme (RFS) - an independent, audited assessment of the application of good practice by a vessel, skipper and crew in their fishing operations.

British Retail Consortium (BRC) Global Standard and Safe and Local Supplier Approval (SALSA) certification – evidencing legal compliance and good practice that is often a condition of supply to multiple retailers.

Fish Friers Quality Award – a scheme aimed at improving standards and rewarding fish and chip shops that provide a top quality product in a hygienic environment.

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