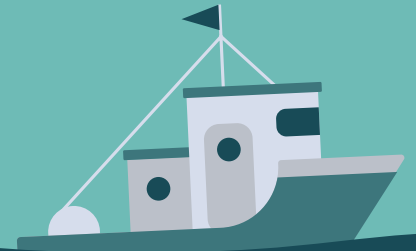


How do I become a Skipper?

Me pēwhea au e Kipa ai?



Deckhand

Ringa Paparahi

Entry

No experience required you just need to be 16 years old or over. NCEA Level 1 Maths and English are useful.

Gain at sea experience to see if the job is for you. Learn about daily life on a vessel from working with and maintaining the fishing gear to handling the catch.

Qualified Deckhand

Poutikanga Ringa Paparahi

Qualification

Advanced Deckhand Fishing Certificate (ADH-F)

Being a Qualified Deckhand means you can work on fishing vessels of any length in any operating area. You'll be responsible for ensuring the deck, fishing gear and lifting equipment are in good working order, and all deck operations are carried out safely.

Mate

Āpiha Kaipuke

Qualification

Mate – Fishing Vessel Limited Certificate (MFV)
Mate – Fishing Vessel Unlimited Certificate (MFV-U)

There are limitations to the size of vessel and distance from shore if you hold a MFV. MFV-U removes these limitations.

As a Mate you will manage the fishing activities, particularly if the Skipper/First Mate doesn't have fishing knowledge.

First Mate

Poutikanga Whakahaere Kaipuke

As a First Mate you are second in charge. You will run the vessel, along with the Skipper. You are usually responsible for the vessel and crew health and safety, undertaking drills and musters, firefighting and life saving equipment and complying with the relevant legislation.

Skipper

Kipa Hao Ika

Qualification

Skipper Fishing Vessel Limited Certificate (SFV-L)

Skipper Fishing Vessel Unlimited Certificate (SFV-U)

You will have overall responsibility for running the vessel. Tasks range from navigating the vessel and organising the crew, to overseeing the harvesting/catching and processing of seafood. There are limitations to the size of vessel and distance from shore on if you hold a SFV-L. SFV-U removes these limitations.



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