



**MIN 531 (M)
(CORRIGENDUM)**

**MARITIME LABOUR CONVENTION, 2006:
Food and Catering: Recognised qualifications in food
hygiene or food safety in catering for Ships' Cooks
and others processing food in the galley**

**Notice to all shipowners, crewing agents, masters, officers seafarers and other
shipboard personnel**

*This notice should be read with Part 8 of the Merchant Shipping (Maritime Labour
Convention)(Minimum Requirements for Seafarers etc.) Regulations 2014 and Merchant
Shipping Notice MSN 1846 (M) Maritime Labour Convention, 2006: Food and Catering: Ships
Cooks and Catering Staff.*

This MIN replaces MIN 531 and expires 30 September 2017

Summary

Part 8 of the Merchant Shipping (Maritime Labour Convention) (Minimum Requirements for Seafarers etc.) Regulations 2014 ("the Minimum Requirements Regulations") introduce a requirement for all ships' cooks, catering staff and other persons processing food in the galley to be suitably qualified in food hygiene or food safety in catering.

The qualifications and awarding bodies which are listed in this Marine Information Note are those that fulfil the learning outcomes and assessment criteria set out in Annex 1 of Merchant Shipping Notice MSN 1846 (M).

Level 2 is the minimum acceptable level for catering staff and other persons processing food in the galley.

Important information on the future delivery of courses approved by the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 Under the MLC Minimum Requirements Regulations all ships' cooks and other persons processing food in the galley are to be suitably qualified in food hygiene or food safety in catering.



2. Training requirements for catering staff and other persons processing food in the galley (Regulation 40)

2.1 The shipowner must ensure that the ships' cook and any other person who processes food in the galley of a sea-going United Kingdom vessel is properly trained or instructed in food and personal hygiene as well as safe handling and storage of food on board ship in accordance with the learning outcomes and assessment criteria set out in Annex 1 of Merchant Shipping Notice MSN 1846 (M). A ships' cook must also complete the additional learning set out in Annex 2 and the Standards of Training Certification and Watchkeeping (STCW) safety courses listed in Section 3 of Merchant Shipping Notice MSN 1846 (M).

3. Recognised food safety qualifications

3.1 The following is a list of those qualifications and awarding bodies which the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) currently recognises and accepts as fulfilling the requirements of the learning outcomes and assessment criteria as set out in Annex 1 of Merchant Shipping Notice MSN 1846 (M). All these qualifications are classroom based and followed by an examination. Level 2 is the minimum acceptable level for catering staff and other persons processing food in the galley.

Qualification Number	Qualification Title	Level	Awarding body (Full name)	Awarding body (short name)
600/8219/7	Award in Food Safety in Catering	2	AIM Awards	AIM Awards
600/6645/3	Award in Food Safety in Catering	2	Association of First Aiders Qualifications	AOFAQ
600/0343/1	Award in Food Safety in Catering	2	ASCENTIS	Ascentis
501/1302/1	Award in Food Safety in Catering	2	British Institute of Innkeeping Awarding Body	BIIAB
601/3746/0	Award in Food Safety in Catering	2	British Safety Council	BSC
500/5476/4	Award in Food Safety in Catering	2	Chartered Institute of Environmental Health	CIEH (See Section 4 for important information on this CIEH course)
600/0473/3	Award in Practical Food Safety for Catering	2	Chartered Institute of Environmental Health	CIEH (See Section 4 for important information on this CIEH course)
500/5186/6	Award in Food Safety in Catering	2	City & Guilds of London Institute	C&G
600/9385/7	Award In Food Safety in Catering	2	First Aid Awards	FAA
600/1306/0	Award In Food Safety in Catering	2	Future (Awards and Qualifications)	FAQ



500/8419/7	Award in Food Safety for Catering	2	Food and Drink Qualifications Limited	FDQ
601/8269/6	Award in Food Safety for Catering	2	Gatehouse Awards	GA
601/1058/2	Award In Food Safety in Catering	2	Gateway Qualifications	Gateway Qualifications
500/5485/5	Award in Food Safety in Catering	2	Highfield Awarding Body for Compliance	HABC
601/7344/0	Award In Food Safety in Catering	2	Innovate Awarding	IAO
601/7794/9	Award In Food Safety in Catering	2	i Can Qualifications Limited	iCQ
600/2214/0	Award In Food Safety in Catering	2	Industry Qualifications	IQ
600/9603/2	Award in Food Safety in Catering	2	North Council for Further Education	NCFE
601/1157/4	Award in Food Safety in Catering	2	Open College Network	NOCN
600/3287/X	Award in Food Safety in Catering	2	Pearson BTEC	Pearson BTEC
600/8920/9	Award in Food Safety in Catering	2	Qualsafe Awards	QA
600/3918/8	Award in Food Safety in Catering	2	Qualifications Network United Kingdom	QNUK
EFH1	Elementary Food Hygiene	2	Royal Environmental Health Institute for Scotland	REHIS
500/5480/6	Award in Food Safety in Catering	2	Royal Society for Public Health	RSPH
601/8306/8	Foundation Award in Food Hygiene	2	Royal Society for Public Health	RSPH
600/4334/9	Award in Food Safety in Catering	2	The Learning Machine	TLM
601/2512/3	Award in Food Safety in Catering	2	Training Qualifications UK Limited	TQUK
600/4678/8	Award in Food Safety in Catering	2	Vocational Training Charitable Trust	VTCT
601/4956/5	Award in Supervising Food Safety in Catering	3	Association of First Aiders Qualifications	AOFAQ
600/5224/7	Award In Supervising Food Safety in Catering	3	British Institute of Innkeeping Awarding Body	BIIAB
601/3777/0	Award in Supervising Food Safety in Catering	3	British Safety Council	BSC
500/5475/2	Award in Supervising Food Safety in Catering	3	Chartered Institute of Environmental Health	CIEH (See Section 4 for important information on this CIEH course)
601/2681/4	Award in Supervising Food Safety in Catering	3	First Aid Awards	FAA



600/1367/9	Award in Supervising Food Safety in Catering	3	Future (Awards and Qualifications)	FAQ
600/4327/1	Award in Supervising Food Safety in Catering	3	Food and Drink Qualifications Limited	FDQ
500/5471/5	Award in Supervising Food Safety in Catering	3	Highfield Awarding Body for Compliance	HABC
500/8461/6	Award in Supervising Food Safety in Catering	3	McDonalds	McDonalds
601/1144/6	Award in Practical Food Safety Supervision for Catering	3	Pearson BTEC	Pearson BTEC
600/3290/X	Award in Supervising Food Safety in Catering	3	Pearson BTEC	Pearson BTEC
IFH1	Intermediate Food Hygiene	3	Royal Environmental Health Institute for Scotland	REHIS
500/5483/1	Level 3 Award in Supervising Food Safety in Catering	3	Royal Society for Public Health	RSPH
601/2990/6	Level 3 Award in Supervising Food Safety in Catering	3	Training Qualifications UK Limited	TQUK
500/5470/3	Award in Managing Food Safety in Catering	4	Chartered Institute of Environmental Health	CIEH (<i>See Section 4 for important information on this CIEH course</i>)
600/1368/0	Award in Managing Food Safety in Catering	4	Future (Awards and Qualifications)	FAQ
500/7327/8	Award in Managing Food Safety in Catering	4	Highfield Awarding Body for Compliance	HABC
600/3291/1	Award in Managing Food Safety in Catering	4	Pearson BTEC	Pearson BTEC
AFH1	Diploma in Advanced Food Hygiene	4	Royal Environmental Health Institute for Scotland	REHIS
500/5484/3	Award in Managing Food Safety in Catering	4	Royal Society for Public Health	RSPH
601/3364/8	Award in Food Safety Management for Catering	4	Training Qualifications UK Limited	TQUK



3.2 There are no online courses recognised as meeting the assessment criteria and learning outcomes set out in MSN 1846 (M).

3.3 Some shipping companies have been approved to offer an in-house Food safety course for their employees. In this context, where training is supervised, on-line elements may be accepted. These are not listed above but are accepted by the MCA as meeting the learning outcomes of Annex 1, MSN 1846.

4. Chartered Institute of Environmental Health (CIEH)

4.1 Notification has been received from CIEH that they have decided to voluntarily surrender recognition as a regulated awarding organisation. This means that CIEH are withdrawing from the regulatory structure used by Ofqual, Qualifications Wales (QiW), and Council for the Curriculum, Examination and Assessment (CCEA). The table in 4.3 below shows the courses affected.

4.2 Centres with approval from CIEH will continue to offer the courses listed below until the operational end date (**OED**). The centre will have until Certificate End Date (**CED**) to provide the examination scripts, to CIEH so that the certificate of successful completion can be issued by CIEH.

4.3 The following list of Food Safety Courses will no longer be offered through CIEH approved centres.

CIEH Qualification Title	CIEH Qualification Number	Operational End Date (OED)	Certification End Date (CED)
Level 2 Award in Practical Food Safety for Catering	600/0473/3	31 January 2017	31 March 2017
Level 2 Award in Food Safety in Catering	500/5476/4	28 April 2017	23 June 2017
Level 3 Award in Supervising Food Safety in Catering	500/5475/2	28 April 2017	23 June 2017
Level 4 Award in Managing Food Safety in Catering	500/5470/3	28 April 2017	21 July 2017

4.4 Holders of any of these CIEH qualifications can continue to use them, provided they are issued before the certificate end date (CED) shown in the last column of the table above.

5. Discontinued qualifications

5.1 The following is a list of qualifications that are no longer available. The MCA had previously recognised and accepted these certificates as fulfilling the learning outcomes and assessment criteria set out in Annex 1 of Merchant Shipping Notice MSN 1846 (M). The date in the last column is the last date on which that particular certificate will be issued. Applicants holding one of the certificates listed below can use it when applying for their UK Ships' Cook Certificate of Competency, provided it is dated before the certification end date.



Qualification Number	Qualification Title	Level	Awarding body (Full name)	Awarding body (short name)	Certification End Date
601/1327/3	Award In Food Safety in Catering	2	ABC	ABC	31/12/2017
500/6524/5	Award in Practical Food Safety in Catering	2	ASCENTIS	ASCENTIS	30/09/2016
100/6200/2	Award in Food Safety for Catering	2	City & Guilds	C&G	30/09/2016
500/1684/2	Award in Food Safety in Catering	2	EDI	EDI	31/12/2016
100/5858/8	Award in Practical Food Safety in Catering	2	EDI	EDI	31/03/2015
500/6210/4	Award in Practical Food Safety for Catering	2	North Council for Further Education	NCFE	28/02/2015
100/6220/8	Award in Practical Food Safety in Catering	2	North Council for Further Education	NCFE	28/02/2015
500/6261/X	Award in Practical Food Safety in Catering	2	Pearson EDI	Pearson EDI	30/03/2014
500/6530/0	Award in Practical Supervision of Food Safety in Catering	3	ASCENTIS	ASCENTIS	30/09/2015
100/6075/3	Award in Supervising Food Safety in Catering	3	CIEH	CIEH	31/12/2015
500/5910/5	Award in Supervising Food Safety in Catering	3	City & Guilds	C&G	30/06/2016
100/6221/X	Award in Practical Food Safety Supervision for Catering	3	North Council for Further Education	NCFE	31/03/2016
100/6228/2	Award in Practical Supervision of Food Safety in Catering	3	OCNW	OCNW	31/07/2015



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