

Port Operations (Maritime Operations) Intermediate Apprenticeship

On this Intermediate Apprenticeship Maritime Operations, Port Operations Pathway, you will be carrying out a range of activities including loading and unloading of cargo by various means including lifting equipment and vehicles; working safely with hazardous cargo and in potentially hazardous environments; responding to emergency situations; storing, receipt and dispatch; berthing and establishing vessel access.

Course Details:

This Intermediate Apprenticeship, Maritime Operations, Port Operations Pathway, comprises of:

- Competence Based Element - Level Two NVQ Certificate in Port Operations
- Knowledge / Technical Based Element – Level Two Certificate in Stevedoring Essentials
- Functional Skills/ Key Skills - Communication Level 1, Application of Number Level 1 and Information and Communications Technology (ICT) Level 1
- Employee Rights and Responsibilities (ERR)

All of the above ERR related learning is accredited through the following units that comprise the Level 2 Maritime Studies Award

1. 'Maritime employment, environmental and health and safety practice')
2. 'Maritime sector overview'

The aim of this Intermediate Apprenticeship is to provide employers in the Ports Sector with a port operations workforce who has the skills, knowledge and competencies to make ports businesses more efficient and productive. The sector has an aging workforce, which means that there are an increasing number of opportunities both for new entrants, and for current port operatives to consolidate and progress their career training and development. .

Entry Requirements:

Candidates must be employed by an employer working in the sector. Due to Health & Safety Regulations, work as a Port Operative cannot commence until 18 years of age. It may be that the candidate may have commenced work in a logistics or ports company before the age of 18 and have worked as (say) a warehousing and storage operative.

Candidates must be:

- able to meet standards of medical fitness appropriate to the operation of relevant lifting equipment and cargo handling duties:
- capable of meeting health and safety requirements of workers in the port industry
- willing to work in shifts
- willing to work in an outdoor environment

Progression:

After completion of the Intermediate Apprenticeship Maritime Operations, Port Operations Pathway, apprentices, with support and opportunities in the workplace, can progress onto:

- Warehousing and Storage Advanced Apprenticeship
- Logistics Operations Advanced Apprenticeship.

As at September 2012, there is no Advanced Apprenticeship for the Port Operations pathway in place.

Further port-specific courses are also available such as IOSH Managing Safely in Ports, and the Foundation Degree in Ports and Logistics

With additional training, Intermediate apprentices may be able to progress in their careers to roles including Senior Port Operative, Team Leader, Supervisor, or with further development and training as part of continuous professional development (CPD), apprentices may progress into one of the following jobs:

- Port Operative Manager
- Transport Manager
- Logistics Manager

For information about careers in the Ports Sector, please visit the website of Port Skills and Safety (PSS), the ports industry's organisation for health, safety, skills and standards, at <http://www.portskillsandsafety.co.uk/>