



## NATIONAL MARITIME SAFETY AUTHORITY

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### TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

#### **SEAFARERS TRAINING & CERTIFICATION FOR FISHING VESSEL**

Please be advised that the National Fisheries College is a NMSA recognized and approved Maritime Training Provider offering the following Approved Training Programs for certification of seafarers in the Fishing Fleet.

1. Certificate 1 in Commercial Fishing Operations (CFO1) – Fishing Deckhand
2. Certificate 2 in Commercial Fishing Operations (CFO2) – Coastal Mate/ Master
3. Certificate 2 in Commercial Fishing Operations (CFO2) – Assistant Engine Driver
4. Certificate 3 in Commercial Fishing Operations (CFO3) – Offshore Mate / Master
5. Certificate 3 in Commercial Fishing Operations (CFO3) – Engine Driver
6. Basic Safety Training - STCW Tables A - VI /1-1 to VI / 1- 4
7. Security Related Training for All Seafarers - STCW Tables A – VI/ 6-1 & VI/ 6-2

Limitations on the commercial fishing vessel certificates issued, the qualification designation & the merchant shipping equivalents are shown in Table 1 below.

For all other fishing vessel and merchant ships greater than 24 meters / 500 gross tonnage or greater than 750kw propulsion power operating in near coastal waters, the individual certificates issued will have limitations indicating the capacity which the holder may serve in.

This letter, supersedes all previous correspondence regarding certificates in commercial fishing operations and equivalents.

For further information, please contact NMSA Qualifications & Crew Matters on the number listed below or send email queries to - [qualifications@nmsa.gov.pg](mailto:qualifications@nmsa.gov.pg)

Yours Sincerely,



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**Table 1. COMMERCIAL FISHING CERTIFICATES**

### Qualifications, Limitations and Merchant Ship Equivalents

Certificate	Qualification	Limitations and Equivalents
CFO1	<b>Fishing Deckhand</b>	Fishing Vessel - Deckhand - All Fishing Vessels. Merchant Ships - GP Deck Rating 2
CFO2 Deck	<b>Coastal Mate</b>	Fishing Vessels - Mate less than 15m up to 30nm Merchant Ships - Deck Rating 1
CFO2 Deck	<b>Coastal Master</b>	Fishing Vessels: - Master - less than 15m up to 30nm - Mate - less than 24m Merchant Ships - Coxswain less than 15m
CFO3 Deck	<b>Offshore Mate</b>	Fishing Vessels - Mate less than 24m - Able Seafarer Deck > 24m/ 500 GT Merchant Ships - Mate Class 5
CFO3 Deck	<b>Offshore Master</b>	Fishing Vessels - Master less than 24m - Mate less than 500 GT - Able Seafarer Deck > 24m/ 500 GT Merchant Ships - Master Class 5
CFO2 Engineer	<b>Assistant Engine Driver</b>	Fishing Vessels: - Engineer less than 100 kw. - Able Seafarer Engine room > 750kw Merchant Ships - Marine Mechanic.
CFO3 Engineer	<b>Engine Driver</b>	Fishing Vessels: - Chief Engineer less than 250 kw. - 2nd Engineer less than 500 kw. - OOW less than 750 kw - Able Seafarer Engine room > 750kw Merchant Ships - Engineer Class 5