
RYA Professional Practices & Responsibilities (PPR)



The PPR course is required for candidates that are wishing to commercially endorse their RYA Certificates of Competency in order to use their RYA qualifications professionally as skipper or crew. You could be doing anything from delivering a new 35' yacht or driving a workboat with lifting and towing gear, to running a superyacht in the Med. Whatever your job is on board, in the commercial world you are a professional seafarer. As such, you are no different from the captain of a cruise liner – you have a duty of care to crew, passengers, and other water users, and you will be held to account if things go wrong.

Modules:

Commercial Environment - Showing how you fit into the professional maritime world.

People - Explaining the importance of correct manning, keeping your skills up to date and the safe management of commercial vessels.

Vessels - Teaching about the compulsory carriage and maintenance of safety equipment and how to create and implement risk control and operating procedures.

Purpose - Making sure your vessel is suitable and legal for the work you are carrying out, your obligations in protecting the environment, appropriate planning and situational awareness.

Following these modules there is a mock assessment so you can check you are ready before moving on to the final graded online assessment. It should take you approximately around 6 to 8 hours to work through the four course modules. The graded end of course assessment is split into two sections, totaling 2 and a half hours.

How to enroll in a PPR Course

The PPR course is run by RYA recognised training centres. The training centre will provide remote access to an instructor who will be on hand to help if you have any queries during the online course.

Training centres delivering the PPR course are listed on page 2 of this prospectus.

You can take this course anytime prior to your Commercial Endorsement application or renewal. When you pass, you download and print your PPR certificate which will be valid either for your first Commercial Endorsement application or your next renewal.

Exemptions from this course

If you hold an MCA Deck Officer's Certificate of Competence as Officer of the Watch, Master 200, Master 500 or above you do not need to take the PPR course. Please send a copy of your MCA certificate with your application or renewal form for your commercial endorsement.

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