

ICC INTERNATIONAL CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCE

ICC (International Certificate of Competence) - What is it?

The ICC is a certificate, issued according to Resolution 40 of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) Inland Transport committee, and intended to provide evidence of competence to operate a particular vessel when requested by officials in foreign countries. It is an assurance from one government to another that the certificate holder is sufficiently competent to be driving a pleasure craft, despite not holding the visited country's national certificate. The ICC should be automatically accepted in countries which have adopted Resolution 40, however not all of the UNECE countries have fully adopted it. The onus is on ICC holders to determine its acceptability by foreign states, as the ICC was never intended to be an alternative to individual national qualification requirements.

Who is eligible for an ICC?

The ICC is now available to New Zealand citizens. Nationals of many other countries are also eligible, including Australia, South Africa, UK and USA. Citizens of other European countries will usually need to apply through their own national authority.



Which countries recognise or require an ICC?

An increasing number of overseas maritime authorities now require an ICC or equivalent certificate of competence. This causes a flow-on effect with many insurers and charter fleet operators now requiring an ICC. The ICC carries a photo of the holder and its translated into nine languages. ICCs are widely recognised in Europe. It is however best to check with the country you are planning to visit.

How do I get an ICC and how much does it cost?

ICCs are issued following a short practical and knowledge assessment at an RYA training Centre or by supplying another certificate as evidence of competence. RYA Training Centres will charge for their time and use of a training vessel (if required) to conduct the assessment, and any training you may require beforehand.

ICCs incur a admin/processing/certificate fee of \$95.00 - payable to CBE.

Holders of certificates accepted as evidence of competence can apply direct to CBE. All applicant requiring an assessment should apply through an RYA Training Centre.