

MASTER, LIMITED, DOMESTIC



Main tasks and duties

Masters, Limited, Domestic are involved primarily in planning, organizing, managing and monitoring the activities of small or medium-sized vessels navigating mainly in domestic waters. Certificate limits are linked to vessel tonnage. Masters, or Captains, are responsible for navigating, manoeuvring vessels and preparing the crew for emergency situations. They must also ensure vessel compliance with the different regulatory requirements, implement security and environmental protection policies and regularly complete onboard logs and registers. On certain vessels, they must perform duties related to towing (or transporting) barges and equipment, human resources management and passenger comfort and satisfaction.

Academic training or professional development

After obtaining their Secondary School Diploma, candidates can begin their marine careers as seafarers in order to acquire sea service. All seafarers must meet certain Transport Canada requirements, including marine emergency duties (MED) and marine first aid training (approximately 3-4 weeks of practical courses). Candidates must also pass a mariner's medical exam.

A combination of sea service and professional development will enable candidates to pass the exams required for Transport Canada certification. After obtaining Masters, Limited papers, candidates can continue to work towards higher, unlimited domestic navigation certificates.

Educational institutions and training centres in Québec

The Institut maritime du Québec's (IMQ) Centre de formation aux mesures d'urgence en mer in Saint-Romuald (Lévis) offers marine emergency duties (MED) training as well as the complementary courses required for certification.

Career opportunities

- Captain or Navigation Officer for tour boats, inflatables, tugboats, ferry boats, pilot boats, workboats, barges or other boats on dredging projects and ships used to unload bigger vessels.

Essential qualities and interests

- Interest in working at sea
- Aptitude for customer service
- Work team management capabilities
- Professional attitude and conduct (autonomy, dynamism, interpersonal skills, versatility, sense of organization, leadership)

Average annual income: \$35 000 to \$55 000

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