



ENGINE ROOM RATING

Main tasks and duties

Engine Room Ratings assist Marine Engineers in operating, maintaining and repairing engines, machines and various equipment. In addition to ensuring a clean, safe work environment, they check monitoring instruments linked to the ship's mechanical, electrical and hydraulic systems.

Academic training or professional development

After obtaining their secondary school diploma, candidates can begin their careers by registering for Engine Room Rating training. While not mandatory, this training is generally considered an asset by potential employers.

All mariners, regardless of their duties aboard ship, must meet certain Transport Canada requirements, notably have Marine Emergency Duty (MED) and marine first aid training. For Engine Room Ratings, this represents about three weeks of practical courses. Candidates must also obtain a certified criminal record check from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police or, for those who have a criminal record, a copy of pardoned record for a U.S. waiver.

With experience, Engine Room Ratings can obtain Marine Engineer certification. They must accumulate the required seetime, complete ongoing training and pass the Transport Canada exams required for each officer certification level.

Educational institutions and training centres in Québec

The Centre de formation aux mesures d'urgence (Institut maritime du Québec) in Saint-Romuald (Lévis) offers Marine Emergency Duty (MED) training, Engine Room Rating training and ongoing training to pass Transport Canada exams.

Career opportunities

- Engine Room Rating
- Deckhand
- Marine Engineer

Essential qualities and interests

- Interest in working at sea
- Interest in systems operations and technologies
- Good manual dexterity
- Teamwork capabilities

Average annual income: \$40 000 to \$60 000

Engine Room Ratings generally work 6 to 9 months/year.

For more information

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