

**How does the new RPN facilitate access to IWT for side entrants from the maritime sector?**

	<b>Before 1 April 2023</b>	<b>After 1 April 2023, with the new RPN</b>
<b>Boatmaster (Management level)</b>	Experience from maritime sector recognised only to start as a <b>boatman</b> (2 years of experience taken into account)	<p>Professional experience in the maritime sector is given greater recognition; up to 500 days can be used as proof of professional experience to qualify as a <b>boatmaster</b>.</p> <p>See the 4<sup>th</sup> career pathway to access the qualification of boatmaster described in Article 12.01 of the RPN:</p> <p>“1. Every applicant shall satisfy the following requirements:</p> <p>(...)</p> <p>d) or</p> <p>aa) have successfully completed a training programme for the management level, as approved in Chapter 6, of at least one and a half years’ duration, comprising a navigation time of at least 180 days, and after completion of which an additional navigation time of 180 days can be proven and</p> <p>bb) at least five years’ work experience gained prior to enrolment in this programme or</p> <p><b>cc) at least 500 days work experience as a deck crew member aboard a seagoing ship gained prior to enrolment in this programme or</b></p> <p>dd) successful conclusion of any vocational training programme of at least three years’ duration prior to enrolment in this programme and</p> <p>ee) possession of a valid radio operator’s certificate;</p> <p>(...)”</p>

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<b>Helmsman (Operational level)</b>	Experience from maritime sector recognised only to start as <b>boatman</b> (2 years of experience taken into account)	<p>The qualification of captain onboard seagoing ships is recognised to facilitate the entry in the IWT sector as helmsman.</p> <p>See the 3<sup>rd</sup> career pathway to access the qualification of helmsman described in Article 10.01 of the RPN:</p> <p>“To acquire a certificate of qualification, entry-level and operational level deck crew members shall comply with the following minimum requirements in respect of age, administrative compliance, competence and navigation time:</p> <p>(...)</p> <p>5. for the helmsman</p> <p>c)    <b>aa) at least 500 days’ work experience as a captain aboard a seagoing ship;</b>              bb) have passed an examination under the responsibility of an administrative authority for the operational level and              cc) possession of a valid radio operator’s certificate.”</p>
<b>Boatman</b>	Experience from maritime sector recognised only to start as <b>boatman</b> (2 years of experience taken into account)	<p>250 days of maritime experience are taken into account.</p> <p>See the 2<sup>nd</sup> career pathway to access the qualification of boatman described in Article 10.01 of the RPN:</p> <p>“To acquire a certificate of qualification, entry-level and operational level deck crew members shall comply with the following minimum requirements in respect of age, administrative compliance, competence and navigation time:</p> <p>(...)</p> <p>5. for the boatman</p> <p>b)    aa) be at least 18 years of age and              bb) have passed an examination under the responsibility of an administrative authority for the operational level and              <b>cc) have accumulated navigation time of at least 360 days as a deck crew member; of this total, up to 180 days navigation time may be replaced by 250 days of work experience as a deck crew member aboard a seagoing ship;”</b></p>