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Minimum Age

The UK MCA has issued Merchant Shipping Notice to provide information about the minimum age for seafarers and the protection of young seafarers (under 18 years) working on board UK ships.

- The minimum age for working on a UK seagoing ship is 16 years of age.
- Those under the age of 18 years must not be assigned work which is likely to jeopardize their health and safety, unless they are fully qualified in the relevant skills or are working under supervision.
- The employer must carry out a risk assessment with regard to the particular risks to young persons.
- Those under the age of 18 years may not work at night unless as part of recognized training.
- In this context, "night" means a period of at least nine hours including the hours between midnight and 5 a.m. (local time)
- The minimum hours of rest are specified for seafarers less than 18 years of age.
- Certain types of work should not be undertaken by young persons on the grounds that such work is likely to jeopardize their health and safety.

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