



# International Certificate For Operators of Pleasure Craft (ICC)

## Frequently Asked Questions

### What is an ICC?

The International Certificate of Competency provides boat owners and people wishing to charter boats with an internationally recognised document certifying their competence to skipper a boat for recreational use.

### How do I get an ICC?

Certificates will be issued by the ISA office upon receipt of the appropriate application form and subject to the conditions set out in 'Who can get an ICC'

### Who can get an ICC?

#### Certificates will only be issued to:

1. Persons who have demonstrated competence to skipper a boat either through;
  - a. holding a certificate of competency listed in the table on page 2,  
OR
  - b. successfully completing the "ICC Assessments" detailed on pages 3 and 4.
2. Persons over the age of 16 years.
3. Persons who have demonstrated that they are physically and mentally fit to operate a pleasure craft.
4. Persons who are Irish Nationals or persons who have an Irish Residential address.

	Category of ICC issued			
	Motor	Sail	Inland (CEVNI test required)	Coastal
ISA National Powerboat Certificate.	✓	x	✓	x
ISA National Powerboat Certificate + Coastal endorsement	✓	x	✓	✓
ISA / IWA1 Certificate of Competency in Motor Cruising on Inland Waterways	✓	x	✓	x
ISA Helmsman's Certificate (Motor)	✓	x	✓	✓
ISA Day Skipper Certificate (Sail)	✓	✓	✓	✓
ISA Day Skipper Certificate (Motor)	✓	x	✓	✓
ISA Yachtmaster Coastal (Sail)	✓	✓	✓	✓
ISA Yachtmaster Coastal (Motor)	✓	x	✓	✓
ISA Yachtmaster Offshore (Sail)	✓	✓	✓	✓
ISA Yachtmaster Offshore (Motor)	✓	x	✓	✓
ISA Advanced Sailing Skills & ISA National Powerboat Certificate	✓	✓	✓	✓
ISA Dinghy, Keelboat or Catamaran Instructor	✓	✓	✓	✓

### **Do I need to send in the originals of my certificate?**

Yes. We need sight of all your documentation before the ICC can be issued.

### **Can I get an ICC on an ISA Yachtmaster Shorebased certificate?**

No. As the shorebased courses are only attendance certificates they are not accepted. You will need to do complete an ICC direct assessment and an ICC Test Centre.

### **Who are the ICC Test Centres?**

See the Course Providers page in the Training section on the ISA website [www.sailing.ie](http://www.sailing.ie)

### **What will I be tested on?**

See the '*Guide to The International Certificate for Operators of Pleasure Craft*' for details on the following

- direct assessment for Coastal Endorsement (this is a theory test)
- direct assessment for Inland Endorsement (this is a theory test)
- direct Assessment of Boat Handling Skills

### **How long is it valid for?**

The ICC is valid for a period of 5 years from issue. It may be renewed by application to the Irish Sailing Association.

### **Can an Irish ICC be issued on an RYA certificate?**

No. An ICC can only be issued on a national certificate of competence issued within the same country. This is laid down by the UN resolution that sets out the requirements for the ICC. Holders of RYA certificates can either undertake a direct ICC assessment or an ISA competency course.

### **How long does it take to get an ICC?**

On average it take approximately 3 weeks to administer and issue an ICC. However, for an additional fee, there is an expedited service which takes 5 days.