



# ISPS Code - Ship Security Officer & Counter Piracy

## Introduction

This course is designed to meet the requirements for training laid out in the International Ship and Port Facility Security Code (ISPS Code) and the guidance laid out in the SOLAS Regulations 1974. The Ship Security Officer position was formalised under the regulations listed above and the training has become mandatory for all those wishing to fulfil the role of the Ship Security Officer on vessels over 500 tonnes.

## Who Should attend and Entry Level

This course is suitable for those employed in the maritime industry seeking to engage in aspects of security, or who are seeking to become employed as a Ship Security Officer (SSO). It is also suitable for security professionals seeking to expand their employability or consultancy skills into the burgeoning maritime security sector. In particular new entrants to the maritime security sector would be expected to possess this qualification prior to employment or contracting. There is no prior training or experience required. However, basic literacy and numeracy are required due to course content & knowledge of the maritime industry would be useful.

## Course Content and Duration

The course is run over 3 days and covers:

- ISPS Code background & introduction
- Maritime Security Threats
- ISPS Duties & Responsibilities
- Maritime Security Levels
- The Ship Security Assessment
- The Ship Security Plan
- Security Verification & Certification
- Interaction with Vessels, Authorities & Ports
- Training, Drills & Exercises
- Training the Trainer
- Suspicious Persons & Behaviour & Circumvention of Security
- Weapons & Explosives
- Practical Protective Measures & Contingency Planning
- Documents, Records, Communications & Confidentiality

In addition to the mandatory ISPS Code training, our SSO course also contains a high counter piracy content and practical advice on dealing with security incidents and contingency plans. Our course is not 'death by PowerPoint', but interactive and includes group exercises and discussions.

## Assessment

Candidates will be required to pass a multiple choice examination that covers all the subject areas listed above.

## Qualification

Successful candidates will achieve an internationally recognised Ship Security Officer certificate, approved by the UK Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA).



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