



GENERAL INFORMATION EUROPEAN MARITIME CERTIFICATION INSTITUTE

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1. Why European Maritime Certification Institute (EMCI) ?

Since 1st January 2002, Dutch government stroked the protection of the degrees of several occupations from the commercial code. They herewith actively dissociated themselves from the safe keeping and maintenance of quality standards of occupations like estate agent, surveyor and expert's. Many found this undesirable. After all, a lack of clarity was the consequence. Commissioners, consumers, company's and organization's need quality and professionalism. Certifying safe guards this need.

The Maritime professions sail a collective course and as per 5th May 2003 they established the Worldwide Examination Certification Institute (WCEI). **European Maritime Certification Institute (EMCI)** is an official branch and trade name of WCEI.

EMCI is exclusively focusing on the Maritime branch and at present on business, personal and product certifying. EMCI draws its target to bind all Maritime professions, professionals and companies by means of custom measured certifying.

Professionalism, quality & EMCI ► **Important, now and for the future!**

2. Independent

EMCI is independent. The certification is open for every one and every company who fulfill the requirements as it is stated in public and transparent certification schemes. The certification obviously is not connected to the membership of a branch or professional association.

3. International recognition by Lloyds Register

EMCI is located in Gouda and is under auspices of a supervisory commission. This commission is under the chairmanship of mr ing A.H. Vermeer (former member European Parliament). Every professional group contains its own certification scheme. Each scheme is connected to its own committee of experts (CoE). The purpose of the CoE is to be the branch representative panel of experts. Besides the CoE, other commissions can be installed, like for example the examination board, the board of education & training and the committee of grievance. All certifying schemes distinguish themselves by appointing a code of conduct, the right of complaint, educational requirements, experience requirements and previous career requirements.



The European Maritime Certification Institute (EMCI), as official body of the Worldwide Examination Certification Institute (WCEI), is per April 29th 2008 ISO 9001:2008 certified by Lloyds Register in Rotterdam Netherlands (www.lqra.nl).



Our ISO 9001:2008 is registered with United Kingdom Accreditation Services (UKAS / www.ukas.com) in London (England) and the Dutch Accreditation Council (RVA / www.rva.nl) in Utrecht (Netherlands).

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4. Founding partner: Dutch Association of Sworn / Certified Yacht & Shipbrokers



www.nbms.nl

The Dutch Association of Sworn / Certified Yacht and Shipbrokers (NBMS) is one of the founding partners of EMCI. Within the Netherlands the NBMS is the only official representative organization of the professional yacht- and shipbrokers. The NBMS officially entitled EMCI as exclusive partner for the certification for the professional yacht- and shipbrokers and their companies.

5. Maritime Notified Body European Maritime Certification Institute



On short notice (approximately 2010 / 2011) EMCI will be appointed by the official Dutch governmental organization 'Shipping Inspectorate' as notified body for the European CE guidelines 94/25/EG (June 16th 1994).

6. Certification possibilities

EMCI holds the following certification schemes:

Personal certification for maritime professionals

- EMCI registered broker barges & house boats®
- EMCI registered CE surveyor®
- EMCI registered harbourmaster®
- EMCI registered maritime mediator®
- EMCI registered shipbroker®
- EMCI registered yachtbroker
- EMCI registered yachtsurveyor®

Commercial business certification for maritime companies

- EMCI registered barges & house boats brokerage company®
- EMCI registered yachtbrokerage company®
- EMCI registered yachtharbour company®
- EMCI registered yachtsurvey company®

Maritime products certification as Maritime CE Notified Body

- CE (up from end 2010)

7. Certification requirements

To qualify for the **personal certification** for maritime professionals a candidate must comply with / pass:

- Antecedent test
- Education test
- Experience test
- Identification test
- Knowledge test
- Proficiency test

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To qualify for the **commercial business certification** for maritime companies the candidate company must comply with / pass:

- Antecedent test
- Experience test
- Identification test
- Management test
- Personal certification test

To qualify for the **maritime product certification** the product must comply with / pass:

- Quality test

All EMCI certificate holders are obliged to act accordingly to all EMCI regulations and instructions such as:

- Relevant and applicable certification scheme(s), certification standard(s), profession profile(s) and professional code(s)
- EMCI disciplinary rules and EMCI rights of complaint
- EMCI rules for the use of the logo and trade name

8. Associate certification / full certification

EMCI makes a distinction between 'associate certification' and 'full certification'.

Associate certification

The associate certification is a once time certification. Certification renewal is not possible. The certification period is a five year none interrupted period.

The associate personal certified professional has complied with four out of six tests (antecedent test, education test, identification test, knowledge test) and must comply before the certification expiration date with the experience test and proficiency test. If not: the certificate holder will be retired from the public register at www.emci.nl

The associate commercial business certified company has complied with five out of five tests (antecedent test, experience test, identification test, management test and personal certification test). The associate experience test requirement is at least one year experience and the certificate holder must proof at least four years experience before the certification expiration date. If not: the certificate holder will be retired from the public register at www.emci.nl

Full certification

The full certification is a on-going certification. Certification renewal is possible.

The certification period is a five year none interrupted period.

The full personal certified professional has complied with all tests (antecedent test, education test, experience test, identification test, knowledge test, proficiency test).

The full commercial business certified company has complied with all tests (antecedent test, experience test (at least four year experience), identification test, management test and personal certification test).

9. Exclusive market access

More and more institutional parties, such as bankers, investors and governments, require personal and / or company based certification. Therefore certification is the key factor to exclusive market access.





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10. Investment

Personal certification for maritime professionals

- Once off entrance fee for full certification including annual register costs € 750,-
- Annual register costs (associate / full / not in the 1st year of full registration) € 162,50
- EMCI Knowledge test per test € 150,-
- EMCI Proficiency test per test € 500,-
- Transfer associate status into full status none
- Basis Education Course ask for quote

Commercial business certification for maritime companies

- Once off entrance fee for full certification including annual register costs € 412,50
- Annual register costs (associate / full / not in the 1st year of full registration) € 162,50
- Transfer associate status into full status none
- Management Quality Handbook and membership Global Network € 295,-

Comments

- Price index 2010. Annual index based on Dutch CBS Consumers Index.
- All investments exclusive 19% Dutch VAT
- All (legal) rights reserved
- The EMCI general conditions apply

11. Public register

The public EMCI register is published at our websites:

- www.w-c-e-i.com
- www.european-maritime-certification-institute.com
- www.emci.nl

EMCI now has approximately 400 active certified persons and companies in Belgium, Croatia, Hong Kong, Netherlands, Portugal and South Africa. We are working on other adjustments of certification schemes. Also EMCI is in contact with other countries to establish certification schemes.

12. Tailor made examination projects for the maritime branch

We offer the maritime branch, companies, education & training providers, organizations and governments tailor made solutions for in-company / private examination projects. Such examination projects can be realized as a virtual internet based project or as a traditional classical project. Combination with registration and/or certification is possible however none obligatory. We know the maritime world, speak the maritime language and wants to perform accordingly to your goals.

Please contact mrs Christa Falhaber, sales director EMCI examination office, for more information and a dedicated quote.





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13. More information?

With pleasure we answer all your questions. Please do not hesitate to contact us by phone or email or simply make an appointment (no costs) for a personal conversation at our office / a personal phone (VOIP) conference.

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