

General Guidelines to Eyesight and Hearing Requirements for the Maritime Field

NOTE! These eyesight and hearing requirements are based on the Finnish law 80/1985

<http://www.tyosuojelu.fi/fi/s19850070/1123> (page in Finnish). This is an unofficial translation of the requirements, meant to serve as general guidelines for applicants. **Always consult your seaman's healthcare station (physician/doctor) for accurate information about current requirements for seamen!**

EYESIGHT

A seaman should have normal colour vision and should meet the following requirements when they are given an eyesight test with the Snellen eye chart (E-chart) :

	Initial examination and re-examination Unless the person has worked in the maritime field the last five years				Other re-examinations			
	1. With glasses or without		2. Without glasses		1. With glasses or without		2. Without glasses	
	Other eye	Other eye	Other eye	Other eye	Other eye	Other eye	Other eye	Other eye
Deck crew	1.0	1.0	0.8	0.5	0.8	0.8	0.2	0.2
Machine room crew and Radio operators	Other eye	Other eye	Other eye	Other eye	Combined eyesight		Combined eyesight	
	0.8	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.8		0.2	
Other crew	Combined eyesight		Combined eyesight		Combined eyesight		Combined eyesight	
	0.8		0.2		0.5		0.1	

HEARING

A seaman should have the following ability to hear without a hearing aid, unless otherwise specified;

	Initial examination with an audiometer frequencies 500 -1000- 2000 Hz, mean value or conversational voice		Re-examinations conversational voice and forced whisper test in meters: hearing should be checked every six years with an audiometer as in the initial examination	
Deck- and machine room crew as well as radio operators	Other ear	Other ear	Other ear	Other ear
	25 dB	25 dB	30 dB	40 dB
Other crew	Examined with a hearing machine or without		Other ear	Other ear
	30 dB	30 dB	3 m 35 dB	3 m 35 dB