

Becoming an Engine Room Rating in Canada

The costs of obtaining and maintaining a Transport Canada Engine Room rating classification

A list of "out of pocket" expenses, and time commitments, as of January 2013, to work as a ship's engine room professional in Canada. Does not include lost wages, cost of transportation, housing, food, taxes, etc. Nor does it include numerous social costs.

		TC Fees	Training Fee	Training Days
ER Rating	Obtain Mariner's Discharge Book and a CDN number	\$0.00		0.5
	Pictures for Mariner's Discharge Book (passport pic)	\$15.00		
	MED (Marine Emergency Duties) STCW VI/1 - Basic Safety **		\$1,590.00	6.0
	MED STCW VI/2 - survival craft and rescue boats **		\$1,060.00	4.0
	Survival Craft Examination ***	\$27.50		1.0
	Marine Basic First Aid **		\$225.00	2.0
	Seafarer's Medical Certificate		\$150.00	1.0
	Written OR oral examination on General Engineering Knowledge ***	\$27.50		1.0
	Total	\$70.00	\$3,025.00	15.5

		Unit Cost	Annually	
Annual cost to work / maintain status	Seafarer's Medical Certificate	\$150.00	\$75.00	0.5
	Marine Basic First Aid **	\$225.00	\$45.00	0.4
	Canadian Passport (depends on company)	\$120.00	\$24.00	0.5
	Union Dues (depends on company)	\$50.00	\$600.00	
	Total	\$545.00	\$744.00	1.4

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