

Pay Guide - Seagoing Industry Award

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Rates of pay

Adult

Vessel not granted a temporary licence - Dry cargo vessels of up to 19 000 tonnes (D.C. Cat 1)

Classification	Hourly pay rate
Vessels manned at 18 or below	
Master	\$35.62
Chief engineer	\$35.03
First mate / First engineer	\$30.36
Second mate / Second engineer / Electro-technical officer	\$28.08
Third mate / Third engineer / Electrician	\$26.91
Chief integrated rating / Chief cook / Chief steward	\$25.45
Integrated rating / Assistant steward / Catering attendant	\$23.18
All other vessels	
Master	\$34.76
Chief engineer	\$34.20
First mate / First engineer	\$29.66
Second mate / Second engineer / Electro-technical officer	\$27.45
Third mate / Third engineer / Electrician	\$26.32
Chief integrated rating / Chief cook / Chief steward	\$24.90
Second cook	\$23.26
Integrated rating / Assistant steward / Catering attendant	\$22.69

Vessels not granted a temporary licence - Dry cargo vessels of between 19 000 and 39 000 tonnes (D.C. Cat 2)

Classification	Hourly pay rate
Vessels manned at 18 or below	
Master	\$36.71
Chief engineer	\$36.11
First mate / First engineer	\$31.26
Second mate / Second engineer / Electro-technical officer	\$28.83
Third mate / Third engineer / Electrician	\$27.68
Chief integrated rating / Chief cook / Chief steward	\$25.86
Integrated rating / Assistant steward / Catering attendant	\$23.51
All other vessels	
Master	\$35.83
Chief engineer	\$35.24
First mate / First engineer	\$30.53
Second mate / Second engineer / Electro-technical officer	\$28.24
Third mate / Third engineer / Electrician	\$27.06
Chief integrated rating / Chief cook / Chief steward	\$25.30
Second cook	\$23.60
Integrated rating / Assistant steward / Catering attendant	\$23.01

Vessels not granted a temporary licence - Dry cargo vessels over 39 000 tonnes (D.C. Cat 3)

Classification	Hourly pay rate
Vessels manned at 18 or below	
Master	\$38.00
Chief engineer	\$37.37
First mate / First engineer	\$32.31
Second mate / Second engineer / Electro-technical officer	\$29.78
Third mate / Third engineer / Electrician	\$28.27
Chief integrated rating / Chief cook / Chief steward	\$26.05
Integrated rating / Assistant steward / Catering attendant	\$23.62
All other vessels	
Master	\$37.08
Chief engineer	\$36.47
First mate / First engineer	\$31.56
Second mate / Second engineer / Electro-technical officer	\$29.10
Third mate / Third engineer / Electrician	\$27.63
Chief integrated rating / Chief cook / Chief steward	\$25.48
Second cook	\$24.03
Integrated rating / Assistant steward / Catering attendant	\$23.11

Vessels not granted a temporary licence - Crude tankers

Classification	Hourly pay rate
Vessels manned at 18 or below	
Master	\$43.06
Chief engineer	\$42.33
First mate / First engineer	\$36.10
Second mate / Second engineer / Electro-technical officer	\$33.53
Third mate / Third engineer / Electrician	\$31.33
Chief integrated rating / Chief cook / Chief steward	\$28.09
Integrated rating / Assistant steward / Catering attendant	\$25.16
All other vessels	
Master	\$41.65
Chief engineer	\$40.95
First mate / First engineer	\$34.96
Second mate / Second engineer / Electro-technical officer	\$32.49
Third mate / Third engineer / Electrician	\$30.37
Chief integrated rating / Chief cook / Chief steward	\$27.26
Second cook	\$25.50
Integrated rating / Assistant steward / Catering attendant	\$24.22

Vessels not granted a temporary licence - Other (product) tankers

Classification	Hourly pay rate
Vessels manned at 18 or below	
Master	\$44.74
Chief engineer	\$43.98
First mate / First engineer	\$37.07
Second mate / Second engineer / Electro-technical officer	\$34.39
Third mate / Third engineer / Electrician	\$32.47
Chief integrated rating / Chief cook / Chief steward	\$29.02
Integrated rating / Assistant steward / Catering attendant	\$26.40
All other vessels	
Master	\$42.92
Chief engineer	\$42.19
First mate / First engineer	\$35.61
Second mate / Second engineer / Electro-technical officer	\$33.06
Third mate / Third engineer / Electrician	\$31.23
Chief integrated rating / Chief cook / Chief steward	\$28.01
Second cook	\$26.18
Integrated rating / Assistant steward / Catering attendant	\$25.45

Vessels not granted a temporary licence - Gas carriers

Classification	Hourly pay rate
Vessels manned at 18 or below	
Master	\$43.74
Chief engineer	\$43.55
First mate / First engineer	\$36.72
Second mate / Second engineer / Electro-technical officer	\$34.07
Third mate / Third engineer / Electrician	\$32.74
Chief integrated rating / Chief cook / Chief steward	\$29.90
Integrated rating / Assistant steward / Catering attendant	\$27.31
All other vessels	
Master	\$43.20
Chief engineer	\$42.47
First mate / First engineer	\$35.84
Second mate / Second engineer / Electro-technical officer	\$33.26
Third mate / Third engineer / Electrician	\$31.98
Chief integrated rating / Chief cook / Chief steward	\$29.21
Second cook	\$27.81
Integrated rating / Assistant steward / Catering attendant	\$26.70

Vessels not granted a temporary licence - Research vessel

Classification	Hourly pay rate
Master	\$32.40
Chief engineer	\$31.81
First mate / First engineer	\$27.10
Second mate / Second engineer / Electrical engineer / Electro-technical officer	\$24.79
Third mate / Third engineer / Electrician	\$23.78
Bosun / Chief steward/ Chief cook / Chief integrated rating	\$22.69
Integrated rating / AB / Greaser / Second cook	\$20.95

Vessels granted a temporary licence

Classification	Weekly pay rate	Hourly pay rate	Overtime	Public holiday
Master	\$1,370.30	\$36.06	\$45.08	\$45.08
Chief engineer	\$1,347.80	\$35.47	\$44.34	\$44.34
First mate / First engineer	\$1,168.50	\$30.75	\$38.44	\$38.44
Second mate / Second engineer / Radio officer / electrical engineer	\$1,081.60	\$28.46	\$35.58	\$35.58
Third mate / Third engineer	\$1,036.60	\$27.28	\$34.10	\$34.10
Chief integrated rating / Bosun / Chief cook / Chief steward	\$980.90	\$25.81	\$32.26	\$32.26
Carpenter / Fitter / Repairer / Donkeyman / Electrician	\$980.90	\$25.81	\$32.26	\$32.26
Integrated rating / Able seaman / Fireman / Motorman / Pumpman / Oiler greaser / Steward	\$893.90	\$23.52	\$29.40	\$29.40
OS / Wiper / Deckboy / Catering boy / 2nd cook / Messroom steward	\$753.90	\$19.84	\$24.80	\$24.80

Allowances

Allowances	Rate
All vessels	
Damage to personal effects allowance	compensation payment of up to \$4,491
Vessels not granted a temporary licence	
Accommodation allowance	\$148.87 per day up to a maximum of \$744.45 per week
Meal allowance - breakfast, lunch, dinner	\$22.06 for breakfast, \$26.62 for lunch and/or \$44.09 for dinner per day up to a maximum of \$463.99 per week
Conveyance reimbursement	reimbursement for the cost of transport between the vessel and a safe landing place
Disturbance of sleep allowance	\$23.76 per night or rest period
Handling cargo allowance - between 7am and 5pm	\$14.86 per hour
Handling cargo allowance - between 5pm and 7am, outside employees watch on duty (if watch is being kept) or Saturdays, Sundays & public holidays	\$18.93 per hour
Handling cargo allowance - when cargo is mail, passengers' luggage or passengers' motor cars	\$14.86 per hour
Handling cargo allowance - between 11pm and 7am	\$23.76 per hour
Handling cargo allowance - between 11pm and 7am - when cargo is mail, passengers' luggage or passengers' motor cars	\$19.57 per hour
Medical expenses reimbursement	reimbursement for the cost of the applicable medical fees
Other expenses reimbursement	reimbursement of any expenses reasonably incurred
Passports and travel documents reimbursement	reimbursement for all reasonable charges, fees and other expenses
Safety shoes and protective clothing reimbursement	reimbursement for the cost of shoes and protective clothing
Securing or lashing cargo allowance - between 7am and 5pm	\$5.21 per hour
Securing or lashing cargo allowance - between 5pm and 7am, outside employees watch on duty (if watch is being kept) or Saturdays, Sundays & public holidays	\$6.10 per hour
Securing or lashing cargo allowance - when cargo is mail, passengers' luggage or passengers' motor cars	\$5.21 per hour
Securing or lashing cargo allowance - between 11pm and 7am where an employee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • has already worked at least 4 hours at 11pm, or • works beyond 4 hours ending between 11pm and 7am, or • where watches are kept, works off watch after 11pm where 4 hours has already been worked off watch 	\$7.24 per hour

Allowances	Rate
Securing or lashing cargo allowance - between 11pm and 7am - when cargo is mail, passengers' luggage or passengers' motor cars and where an employee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • has already worked at least 4 hours at 11pm, or • works beyond 4 hours ending between 11pm and 7am, or • where watches are kept, works off watch after 11pm where 4 hours has already been worked off watch 	\$6.23 per hour
Study - living away from home allowance - deck officer, marine engineer, marine electrician or electrical engineer - employee has a spouse or de facto partner and/or dependent children	\$177.63 per week
Study - living away from home allowance - deck officer, marine engineer, marine electrician or electrical engineer - employee does not have a spouse or de facto partner and/or dependent children	\$125.97 per week
Tanker allowance	\$10.54 per day
Trappings reimbursement	reimbursement for the cost of the trappings
Travel expenses reimbursement	reimbursement for the cost of reasonable travel expenses
Uniform reimbursement	reimbursement for 2/3 of the cost of the uniform
Wrecked or stranded vessels allowance - special efforts	\$16.52 per hour for the time spent assisting

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