



INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ENGLISH TESTING SYSTEM

***Candidate
Information***

What is the IMETS test?

- **IMETS** is a test of your ability to communicate in English – it is **not** a test of your operational knowledge.
- **IMETS** is a test of plain English in a maritime context – it is **not** a test of SMCP.
- **IMETS** is a test of oral communication (speaking and listening) – reading and writing are **not** tested.
- **IMETS** is a face-to-face interview with one examiner lasting about 20 minutes and consisting of 4 sections:

Section 1: *Interview*

You will be asked some simple questions relating to your maritime training or work background. There are no right or wrong answers. Show you understand the questions by talking about your training or work.

Section 2: *Presentation*

You will be given a topic to talk about for 1 – 2 minutes. The topic will be familiar to your training or work. You will have 1 minute to think about what you are going to say. You can make some notes if you want to. After your presentation, you will be asked some questions about the topic.

Section 3: *Maritime Communications*

There are two parts in this section. In each part, you will be given a task card and you will listen to some recordings presented by international speakers of English. You are not allowed to write anything.

In Part 3A, you will hear 8 short recordings in which a speaker is talking in a familiar maritime situation. Recordings will be played once unless you ask for repetition. You cannot hear recordings a third time. After each recording, you should show you understand the communication by telling the examiner a) what the message was and b) if the communication was on-board, ship-to-ship, ship-to-shore or shore-to-ship. You should explain your answers fully and you have 20 seconds to speak.

In Part 3B, you will hear 3 longer recordings. In each situation, the speaker is describing a problem on board ship. You will hear each recording twice. After listening, you will have 30 seconds to speak. You should say where the problem was, what the problem was, and what action was taken.

Section 4: *Picture Description and Discussion*

You will be shown some pictures which tell a story about a maritime incident. You should report the incident to the examiner, describing all the pictures with as much information as possible. The incident is connected to a general maritime topic and you will then take part in a discussion about that topic.