

SKIPPER TRAINING · EXAM PREPARATION

Administrative questions

When you need a licence, which one to choose and how to register for the exam.

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Registering for and sitting the theory exam

Register online on the [FPS Mobility](#) website: Shipping > Recreational navigation > Skipper > Exams > Theory exam.

Already hold a Belgian licence? Only book the part you are missing or failed less than 3 years ago.

Brussels

Rue du Progrès 56, 1210 Brussels
Thursday 9 am – 12 pm (and 1 pm – 3 pm at busy times)

Antwerp

Entrepotplaats 1 bte 7, 2000 Antwerpen
Thursday 10 am – 12 pm and 1 pm – 3 pm

Ostend

Natiënkaai 5, 8400 Ostend
Tuesday 10 am – 12 pm and 1 pm – 3 pm

Namur

Rue des Bourgeois 7, block C, 5000 Namur
Monday 10 am – 12 pm and 1 pm – 3 pm

Indicative opening hours, check before you go.

Registering for and sitting the practical exam

Practical exam

- Registration through the sailing school
- Additional €120 for administrative handling
- Duration: at least 1 hour for the restricted and general licence, 10 hours (including 3 at night) for the yachtmaster licence
- Pass mark: at least 60% in each topic

When do you need a boating licence?

The right licence for your plans

- To charter a boat anywhere in Europe: **general licence**
- If the boat is used for commercial or professional purposes: **yachtmaster licence**

Which licence for which area?

Area	Restricted	General	Yachtmaster
0 · Enclosed waters	✓	✓	✓
1 · Inland waters connected to the sea	✓	✓	✓
2 · Lower Sea Scheldt		✓	✓
3 · Coastal harbours		✓	✓
4 · Sea, up to 6 miles		✓	✓
5 · From 6 to 60 miles			✓
6 · From 60 to 200 miles			✓

Exception: for private use, the general licence is valid throughout the Belgian territorial sea and exclusive economic zone. Beyond 200 miles (area 7): yacht navigator licence.

Requirements to obtain the licence?

Requirements

- Minimum age: 16 (you can register for the exam from 15)
- Medical certificate
- Theory and practical exams passed (within 3 years, in any order)

A question about your licence?

Write to us at school@flexisailing.be: we will guide you through the steps.

[Contact us](#)