



Fully Online
UK DfT Maritime & Coastguard Agency (MCA) Approved
**STCW ISPS Proficiency in Security Awareness
For Merchant Vessels**

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About the Course

Under the International Ship & Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code, it is a mandatory requirement that the crew and staff of vessels complying with the ISPS Code, meet with a minimum level of awareness training with regards to the security posture of the vessel they are on, as per the Maritime Security Levels detailed in the Ship Security Plan.

As this is an awareness only course, it is for those crewmembers and staff who do not have security-related duties onboard but must understand the importance and implementation of the associated security measures.

The Course fulfils the essential mandatory training criteria set by STCW for crew or staff on Cargo Vessels, Offshore Wind Farms, Ferries, and Mobile Drilling Platforms, who do not have designated security responsibilities onboard.

This course provides learners with the necessary knowledge to meet the prescribed training standards outlined by:

- Standards for Training, Certification & Watchkeeping (STCW)
- The Merchant Navy Training Board (MNTB) Knowledge, Understanding, and Proficiency (KUPs),
- IMO Model Course 3.27
- The Maritime & Coastguard Agency (MCA) guidelines

Awarding Body

The online Security Awareness (PSA) Course has received complete Approval from the UK DfT Maritime & Coastguard Agency (MCA) and is internationally recognised and accepted.

It covers the 2010 Manila Amendments and conforms to the specifications outlined in Section A-VI/6, paragraph 4 of the STCW Convention and Code, along with Table A-VI/6-1.



The Aim of the Course

To give those onboard ship who do not have a designated security duty the essential education and training meeting the Knowledge, Understanding and Proficiency (KUP) requirements set out in STCW Table A-VI/6-1, which supports Chapter XI-2 of the annex to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) 1974, as amended and the International Ship and Port Facility security (ISPS) Code.

Please note that the Proficiency in Security Awareness (PSA) Course must be undertaken by all seafarers employed or engaged in any capacity on ships which are required to comply with the ISPS Code.



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Course Learning Outcomes

The online Proficiency in Security Awareness (PSA) Course Approved by the UK DfT MCA aligns with the Learning Outcomes that have been established by the Merchant Navy Training Board [MNTB].

1. Be aware of the importance of ship security and the roles of those involved in its provision.
2. Be aware of the requirements and measures to maintain ship security.
3. Be able to recognise and report a security threat.

Vessel-Tailored Courses

The online Security Awareness (PSA) Course has been customised exclusively for crew and staff operating aboard Merchant Vessels, working on Offshore Wind Farms, Ferries, and Mobile Drilling Platforms.

Additionally, we also offer tailored versions of the Security Awareness Course designed for the Luxury Yacht Sector and Cruise Ship Sector.

Course Duration

The duration of the online Security Awareness (PSA) Course is around 4 hours. This is a mandatory requirement under the Maritime & Coastguard Agency (MCA).

Course Subjects

The PSA Course includes the following subjects:

- A working knowledge of Maritime Security Terms and Definitions, including those that relate to Maritime Piracy and Armed Robbery against Shipping.
- An understanding of International Maritime Security Policy.
- An understanding of the Maritime Security (MARSEC) Levels and their impact on security measures and procedures aboard ship and in port facilities.
- How to report a security incident
- An understanding of security-related contingency plans.
- How to recognise security threats, including Maritime Piracy and Armed Robbery against Shipping.
- How to recognise weapons, dangerous substances and devices and an understanding of the damage they can cause.
- The importance of information security with regards to Sensitive Security-Related Information (SSRI) and Communications.
- An understanding of the importance of security related drills and exercises including those relating to Anti-Piracy and Anti -Armed Robbery.



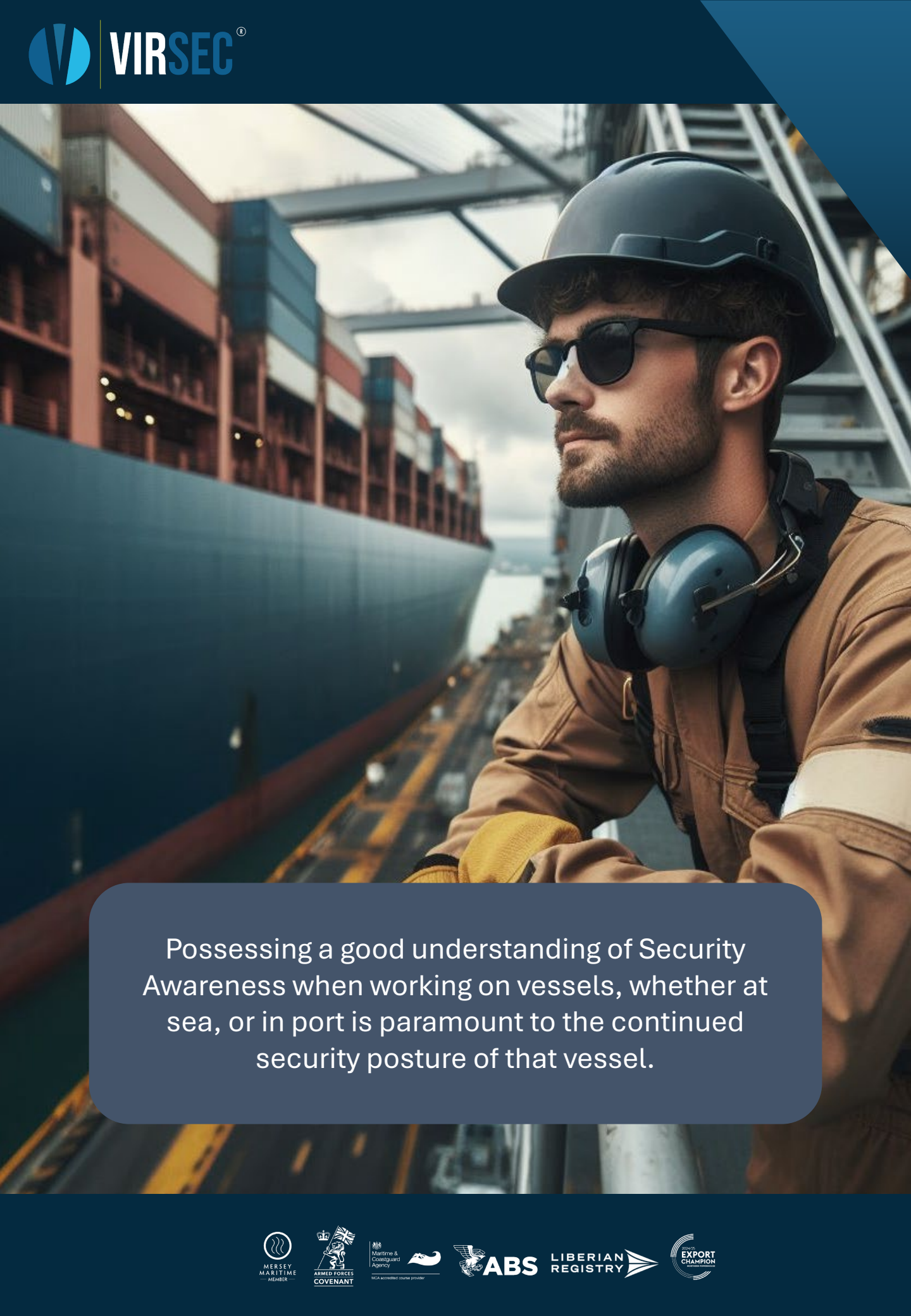
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Possessing a good understanding of Security Awareness when working on vessels, whether at sea, or in port is paramount to the continued security posture of that vessel.

Course Prerequisites

There are no pre-requisites for attending this online course.

Bulk Purchases

Book your STCW Security Awareness Course at VIRSEC, where you can learn about Maritime Security Awareness Training.

If you have any questions about the course or any of our other Maritime Security Training Courses, please contact us to inquire about bulk purchasing and associated discounts.

You can also call us on +44 (0)161 763 4427 and ask for Olivia or Cathy who will happily assist you.

Course Certificate

Upon successful completion of the online course, verification of Learner ID, and the associated official Assessment, learners will receive an electronic certificate in a secure PDF format, encrypted for security.

Typically, certificates are emailed to learners within 24 to 48 hours of confirming the course results.

Course Feedback

- ✓ Amazing course, pleasing to the eye with very useful info. I feel prepared to embark on a ship soon with more understanding of maritime security. Great job [Mano B.]
- ✓ It was a really great time learning all the things regarding the different possibilities on the ships. It goes perfect with the quote “Better safe than sorry”. Thanks a lot for all the information and the entire experience! [Christian C]
- ✓ The course is very well organized, the practice exams before the main exam helped a lot. The course was very helpful to me as I am going to work offshore soon. Great job! [Ryadh M.]
- ✓ The learning materials were very helpful in achieving my desired outcome. The learning development was relevant to my job. The course was well organized. [Sullimar S.]
- ✓ The course is very clearly and easy to understand. He gave me a complete refresh concerning the safety rules and why it's very important to follow the procedure. Thanks [Henri H]
- ✓ The course outline is simplified and enables one to study and understand quickly. The assessment is also of great standard as it is based on material provided during the learning process. An excellent programme. [Nyasha m]



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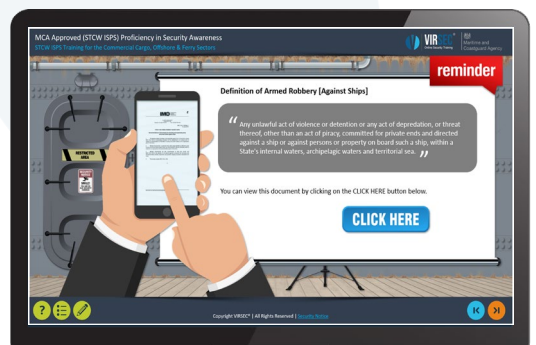
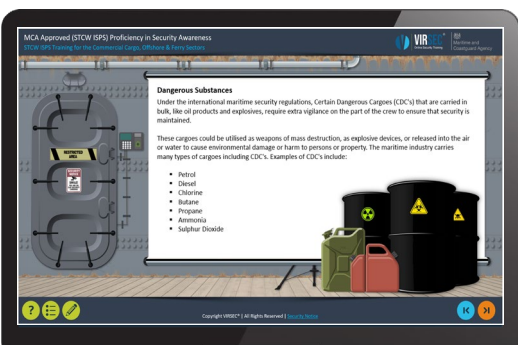
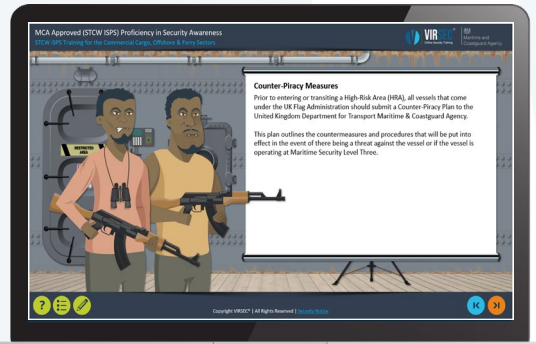
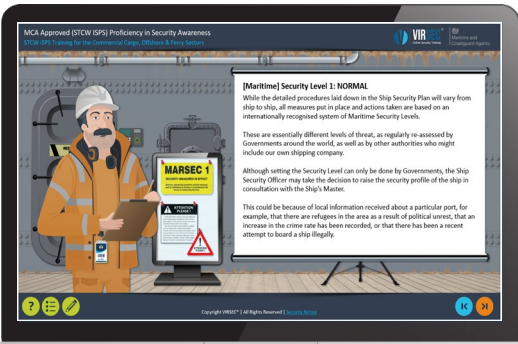
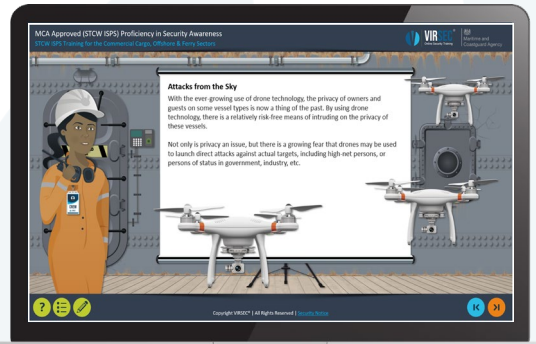
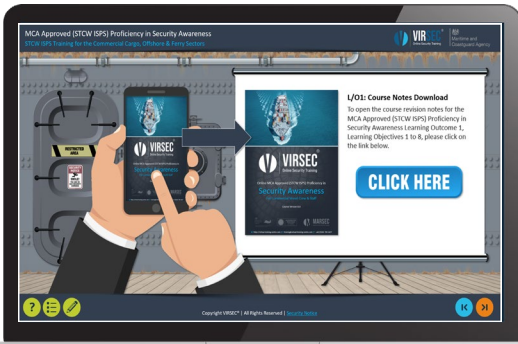


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Sample Course Slides



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