

Minimum Criteria to Apply for PIRFO Observer Basic Training

Candidates wishing to attend Pacific Islands regions Fisheries Observer (PIRFO) training will, in most cases, need to be available for 7-9 weeks intense training.

Applicants must be prepared to meet the following criteria:

<u>Education</u>	Passed Higher Leaving Certificate or equivalent and able to carry out calculations on catch and other fisheries related statistics
<u>Age</u>	Minimum of 21 years old and mature enough to converse confidently with fishing vessel officers in difficult circumstances
<u>Health</u>	Physically and mentally capable of carrying out observer duties, able to pass a sea-going medical clearance certificate issued by an authorised medical practitioner at any time, if required
<u>English</u>	Able to engage in conversation in clear English
<u>Writing</u>	Can write comprehensive reports on activities aboard a vessel in English
<u>Conditions</u>	Able to go to sea for long periods in foreign and (sometimes) unfriendly environments (sea time can be from 7 to 100 days but is generally from 30-60 days on purse seiners and 10 to 30 days on longliners)
<u>Ethics</u>	Clear police record with a history of strong socially acceptable ethical standards in the areas of honesty and public behaviour
<u>Screening</u>	Available for a PIRFO pre-selection screening test

Previous sea going experience, fishing experience, data collection experience, or fisheries law and legislation experience is desirable but not essential.