

How to Prepare for the EGP and Timeline

The steps needed to take your EGP have a defined timeline which cannot be rushed or shortened (unless stated below). This table lists each step necessary to be able to reserve the EGP training course; it may be a helpful checklist for you to plan your progress as you complete each stage. These assume that you prefer to take your licences in English wherever possible.

Novice boater - no current inland waterways skipper licence

Action	Notes and duration
RYA Inland Waterways Helmsman's course	2 days
CEVNI examination	Study time* then 30 mins test
Apply for ICC to the RYA	21 days (2 days fast track)
VHF licence	1 day RYA course
Medical declaration by a French GP	Normal appointment, max 30 mins
Retake CEVNI examination in French <i>(applicable to non-EU nationals only)</i>	21 days pre-registration PLUS study time* 30 minutes test at a French government test centre
'Equivalence' application for the French Permis Plaisance EI	4 – 6 weeks processing
Pre-course registration of EGP course	21 days
EGP training achievable - EU nationals	8 - 13 weeks PLUS study time*
<i>or...</i>	
EGP training achievable - non-EU nationals	11 - 16 weeks PLUS study time*

*Study time is entirely dependent on the individual's availability and commitment to learning