



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION - MARINE ORDER 74 (MASTERS AND DECK OFFICERS – YACHTS) 2015

Introduction

Marine Order 74 – (Master and deck officers – yachts) 2015 came into force on 1 January 2016. This Marine Order allows AMSA to issue certificates of competency for service on yachts.

Marine Order 74 allows AMSA to issue four new Certificates of Competency:

- Deck Watchkeeper <3000 GT (Yachts)
- Chief Mate <3000 GT (Yachts)
- Master <500 GT (Yachts)
- Master <3000 GT (Yachts)

The Marine Order defines yacht as a vessel that:

- (a) Is less than 3000 GT; and
- (b) Is for commercial use for sport or pleasure; and
- (c) Does not carry cargo; and
- (d) Does not carry more than 12 passengers.

Note: A yacht need not be designed to carry sail and may be a training vessel, sail training vessel or a short range yacht. The full definition provides additional information on training vessels, sail training vessels, sailing vessels and short range yacht. Marine Order 74 should be consulted if further clarification is needed.

The requirements for issue of the new certificates of competency are contained in the Marine Order and summarised in Fact Sheets STCW 60, 61, 62 and 63.

See also the flow chart in Appendix 1.

Certificates of Recognition

Marine Order 70 – Seafarer Certification (2014) allows AMSA to issue Certificates of Recognition to holders of an equivalent certificate of competency issued by a national marine administration that AMSA has a formal agreement with. There is a list of marine administrations in [AMSA Fact Sheets STCW 55 - Applications - Certificates of Recognition for Holders of Primary Certificates Issued by Foreign Countries](#).

A Certificate of Recognition for an equivalent yacht certificate will only be valid for service on Australian registered vessels that meet the definition of “yacht” contained in Marine Order 74.

For issue of a certificate of recognition the applicant must demonstrate that they meet the same sea service requirements for issue of an equivalent AMSA certificate of competency.

Sea service

Sea service must be valid and appropriate, and meet the requirements of Marine Order 74, Schedule 3.

AMSA does not accept evidence of sea service based on Discharge Certificates or letters originating from vessels without supporting letters from employers or owners confirming the sea service.

AMSA considers sea service (work experience) very important and part of the training program for issue of a seafarer qualification or license. Service on vessels that spend considerable time in port will not be accepted.

AMSA spends considerable time confirming and validating sea service and must be satisfied the service claimed, meets the requirements of Marine Order 74, Schedule 3.

AMSA training requirements

AMSA believes it very important that all seafarers have a career progression and should get benefit for training already undertaken. All units of competency for the approved course of study for an AMSA yacht certificate of competency come from the AMSA approved Diploma course (See Appendix 1).

Persons wishing to obtain an AMSA Certificate of Competency for yachts issued in compliance with Marine Order 74 have the opportunity to complete the Diploma course in two or more blocks of study.

Holders of a Certificate of Competency – yachts issued by a national administration recognised by AMSA, who wish to obtain an AMSA Certificate of Competency, will need to complete the full AMSA Diploma course, less any recognition of prior learning granted by the AMSA approved training provider.

Service on sailing vessels

AMSA issues two sailing vessel endorsements one valid for “sailing vessels –fore and aft” and the other for “sailing vessels – square rigged” (refer Marine Order 70, Schedule 2).

Holders of any AMSA certificate of competency or certificate of recognition for Master cannot sail as master on a sailing vessel unless they hold a current sailing vessel endorsement, see Fact Sheet [STCW 03 – Applications –Endorsements](#).

Holders of any AMSA certificate of competency or certificate of recognition for Master or deck officer cannot sail as officer in charge of a navigation watch on a sailing vessel unless they have completed training required by the vessel’s safety management policies and procedures and have been considered competent by the master.

Final assessment

For issue of an AMSA certificate of competency (yacht) or AMSA Certificate of Recognition applicants will need to undertake a final assessment (orals examination). Additional information on conduct of orals examinations and syllabus is available from Fact Sheet [18 Oral Examinations](#).

Comparison between Marine Order 71 and Marine Order 74

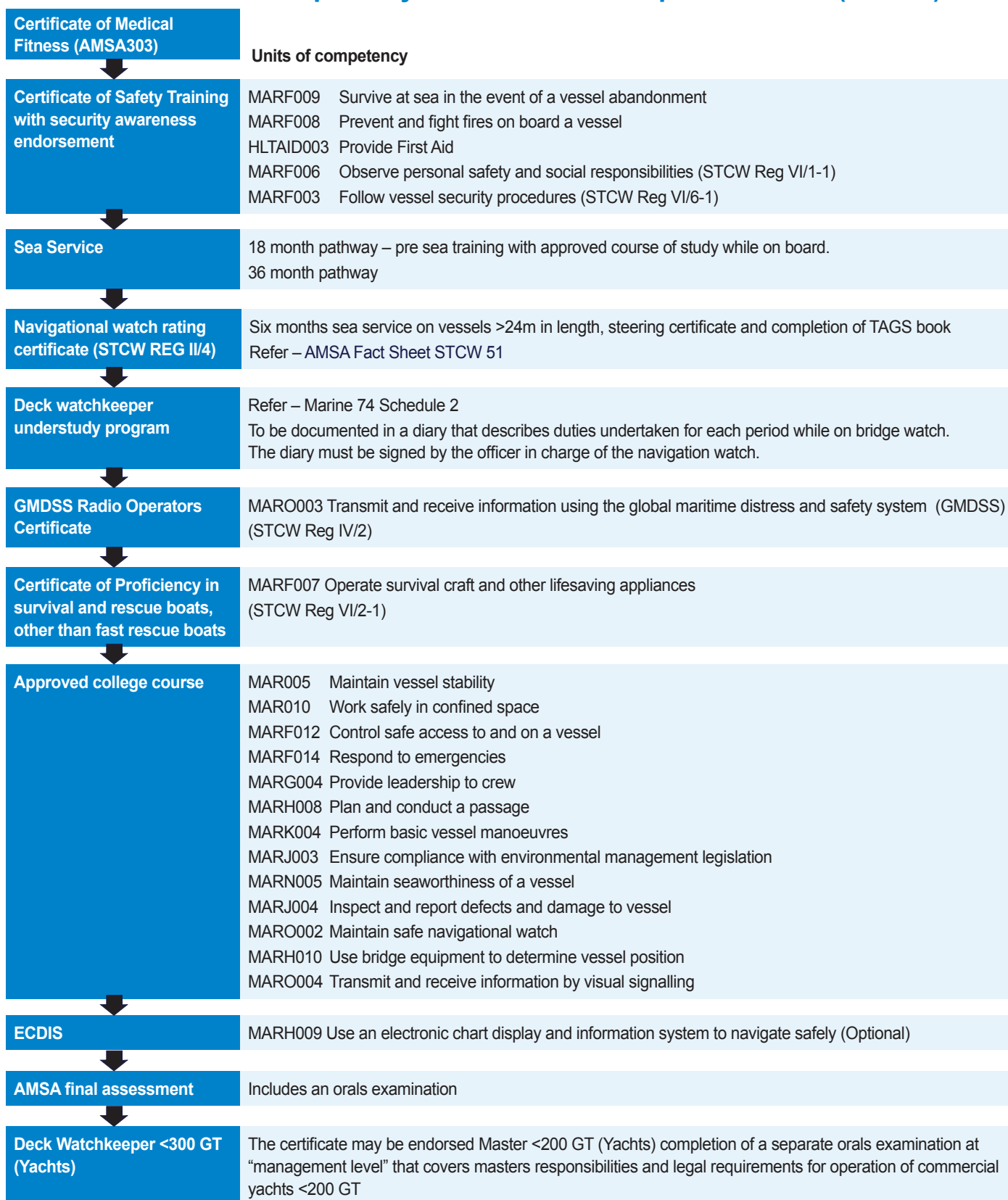
Subject to conditions listed, holders of an AMSA Certificate of Competency issued under Marine Order 71 will meet the requirements for issue of a Marine Order 74 certificate.

Marine Order 71 Certificate of Competency	Conditions	Marine Order 74 Certificate of Competency that could be issued
Deck Watchkeeper <500GT	Meet sea service requirements and undertake separate orals examination	Deck Watchkeeper <3000GT (Yachts) or Chief Mate <3000GT (Yachts)
Mate <500GT	Meet sea service requirements and undertake separate orals examination	Deck Watchkeeper <3000GT (Yachts) or Chief Mate <3000GT (Yachts)
Master <24m FG	Meet sea service requirements and undertake separate orals examination Hold ECDIS certificate and training in Advanced Fire Fighting	Master <3000GT (Yachts)
Deck Watchkeeper	Meet sea service requirements and undertake separate orals examination	Deck Watchkeeper <3000GT (Yachts) or Chief Mate <3000GT (Yachts)
Chief Mate <3000GT	Meet sea service requirements and undertake separate orals examination Hold ECDIS certificate	Master <3000GT (Yachts)
Master <500GT	Meet sea service requirements and undertake separate orals examination Hold ECDIS certificate	Master <3000GT (Yachts)

Appendix 1 - Pathway Diagram

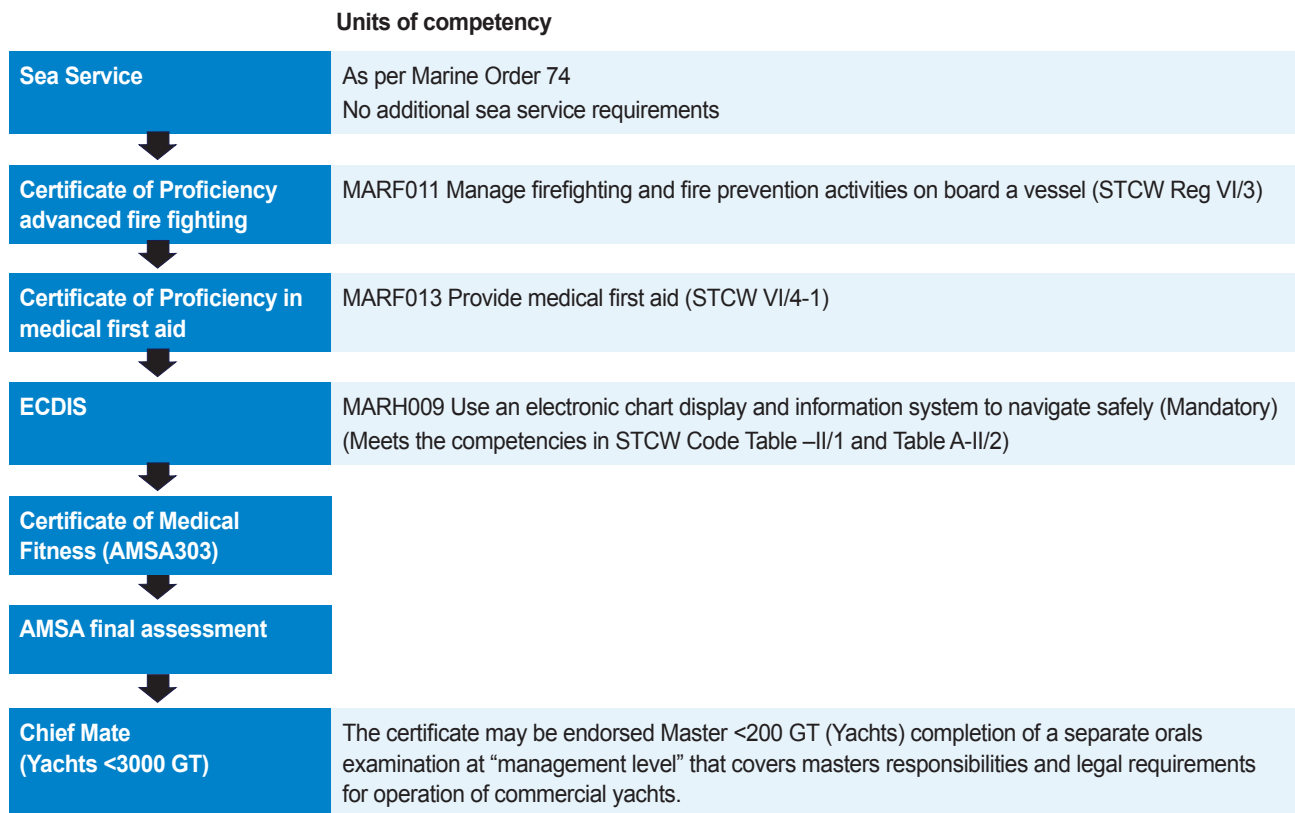
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Certificate of Competency as Deck Watchkeeper <3000 GT (Yachts)



Certificate of Competency as Chief Mate (Yachts <3000 GT)

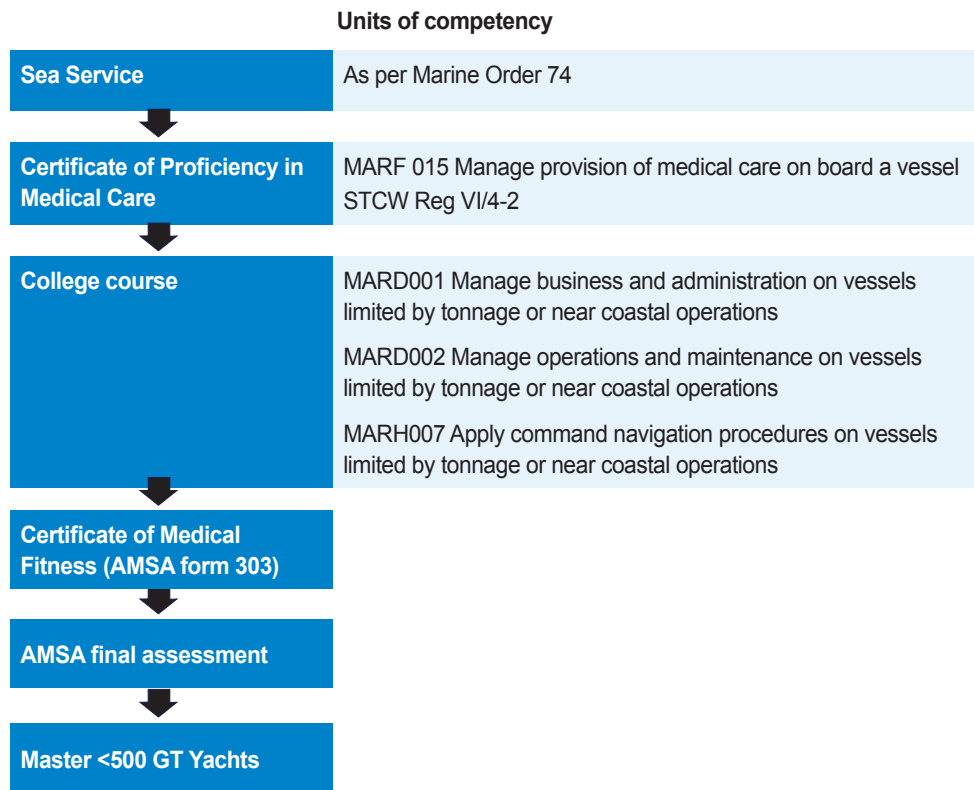
Prerequisite: Meet all requirements, except final assessment, for issue of Certificate of Competency as Deck Watchkeeper <3000 GT (Yachts)



If the applicant meets sea service requirements of *Marine Order 71 (Master and deck officers) 2014* and has completed the unit of competency MARA010 Manage loading, unloading and unloading and stowage of cargo they may undertake final assessment for issue of Certificate of Competency as Deck Watchkeeper (STCW II/1).

Certificate of Competency as Master <500 GT Yachts

Prerequisite – Hold Certificate of Competency as Deck Watchkeeper <3000 GT (Yachts) plus meet all the additional training requirements for issue of a Certificate of Competency as Chief Mate <3000 GT (Yachts)



If the applicant meets sea service requirements of *Marine Order 71 (Master and deck officers) 2014* and has completed the unit of competency MARA010 Manage loading, unloading and unloading and stowage of cargo they may undertake final assessment for issue of Certificate of Competency as Master <500 GT (STCW II/1 and II/2).

Certificate of Competency as Master <3000 GT (Yachts)

Prerequisite – Hold a Certificate of Competency as Master <500 GT (Yachts)

