



# Marine Order 505 – Certificate of Competency Engineer Class 3 Near Coastal (NC)

## What will I be able to do with this certificate? The holder of this certificate can:

- ▶ Perform the duties of Chief Engineer on a vessel with an inboard engine with propulsion power <3000 kW in waters to the outer limits of the EEZ
- ▶ Perform the duties of Chief Engineer on a vessel with an outboard engine with unlimited propulsion in waters to the outer limits of the EEZ
- ▶ Assist an engineer in any tasks that may be required on board while working under the general supervision of the person in charge of the vessel's engines to the outer limits of the EEZ
- ▶ Work in the engine room of a vessel with propulsion power <3000 kW to the outer limits of the EEZ

## How do I get this certificate?

To obtain a EC3 CoC you will need to have completed one of the following options for qualifying sea service (QSS):

- While holding a CoC as Engineer Watchkeeper issued under the Navigation Act 2012:
  - **At least 90 days** QSS working on board commercial vessels with inboard diesel engines with propulsion power  $\geq 400$  kW, performing engine-room watchkeeping duties; or
- While holding a workshop skill equivalent qualification.
  - **At least 120 days** QSS on commercial vessels with inboard diesel engines with propulsion power  $\geq 400$  kW and a completed AMSA task book; or
  - **At least 240 days** QSS on commercial vessels with inboard diesel engines with propulsion power  $\geq 400$  kW without an AMSA task book.
- While holding Marine Engine Driver Grade 1 NC certificate:
  - **At least 180 days** QSS on commercial vessels with inboard diesel engines with propulsion power  $\geq 400$  kW, and a completed AMSA task book; or
  - **At least 360 days** QSS on commercial vessels with inboard diesel engines with propulsion power  $\geq 400$  kW, without an AMSA task book.

An Engineer Class 3 (NC) task book can be obtained [from us](#) or from some registered training organization (RTOs). To order a task book directly from us, use the following webpage:

<https://www.amsa.gov.au/forms/purchase-task-books-record-books-and-log-books>

## What must I do to be eligible for a Engineer Class 3

- Be at least 16 years when the certificate is issued.
- Be able to speak and understand English, including written documents.
- Evidence of QSS accrual in the form of:
  - Record of sea service form 771
  - On board sea service record from your task book
  - Letter from the vessel operator, owner, master or chief engineer detailing your QSS.
  - Approved sea service log book.
- Evidence of medical fitness (including eyesight requirements):
  - Certificate of medical fitness domestic seafarers form 1850 or
  - Current AMSA medical (Certificate of medical fitness form 303).
- Evidence of CoC for Engineer Watchkeeper, an MED 1 (NC), or a Workshop skill equivalent.

- Complete a Diploma - Marine Engineer Class 3 NC course from a registered training organisation (RTO).
- Complete a HLTAID011 unit of competency Provide first aid or equivalent course.
- Pass a final assessment.
- Have other approved industry experience (e.g. state or territory marine agency assessor or operational employee, fleet manager, shore- side servicing, teaching at an approved training organisation for maritime studies, marine surveyor), or
- Complete an AMSA task booksince the issue of your previous certificate..

### How do I keep this certificate?

To renew your certificate, you must:

- Lodge a completed [CoC application form 426](#)
- Accrue 120 days QSS, for duties of the kind to which the certificate applies, accrued in the 5 years before the application.
- Evidence of medical fitness:
  - Certificate of medical fitness domestic seafarers form 1850 or
  - Current AMSA medical (Certificate of medical fitness form 303)
- HLTAID011 unit of competency - Provide first aid or equivalent.

If you do not meet the sea service requirement you may instead:

- Complete an approved final assessment, or
- Accrue 60 days QSS in the 6 months before the application, or

### Endorsement – EC3 NC

An EC3 NC can be endorsed to be Chief Engineer on a vessel that has steam as its main method of propulsion <750 kW, in inland waters and waters to the outer limits of the exclusive economic zone of Australia.

### How to apply for a certificate of competency – Initial issue / renewal

Lodge an application at [Australia Post](#):

- Complete a CoC application form 426 online or download a pdf version and then complete it.
- Attach copies of all required documents.
- Sign the declaration.
- Submit your application and pay a fee at an AMSA-contracted Australia Post outlet.
- Provide proof of identity when you lodge your application. Australia Post will take your photograph for your application.

AMSA may request reasonable evidence to confirm or verify any of the information provided as part of the application.

### More Information

Seafarer Certification Guidance containing additional information on CoC, QSS requirements and task books, can be obtained from the AMSA website at [www.amsa.gov.au](http://www.amsa.gov.au).

#### Note:

If there is an inconsistency between this document and previously issued documents about the subject matter, this document supersedes information found in previous documents dealing with these matters.