

Are you considering your first aid kit and medical equipment requirements?

The owner/master of a domestic commercial vessel operating in operational area C, C Restricted, D or E may undertake a risk assessment of their vessel and operation, and determine the appropriate type and quantity of First Aid supplies that are to be carried on board the vessel for that operation.

The kit must as a minimum comply with [WHS Code of Practice](#); and if necessary, assistance may be sought from an appropriately experienced pharmaceutical provider or First Aid provider/supplier in order to do so. (See [GES 2015/01](#) for full details).



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Determining your first aid supplies

Are you a class 1, 2 or 3 vessel, in Scheme S, operating in operational areas C, C Restricted, D or E?

No →

GES 2015/01 is not available to your vessel or operation.
Your current First Aid kit requirements specified in NSCV C7A continue to apply.

Yes ↓

GES 2015/01 provides you with the ability to risk assess your vessel and operation and determine the type and quantity of First Aid supplies that are carried on board your vessel.

If you prefer, you can still choose to carry the scale kit stipulated in NSCV C7A.

When you conduct your risk assessment, make sure you consider your vessel, the whole operation, crew and any passengers or special personnel.

What ever kit you carry must as a minimum comply with the **WHS Code of Practice!**

Here are some prompts on factors that may be relevant your risk assessment:

- distance/time to access medical aid
- communication capability to access medical assistance and advice
- type of operation and activities being undertaken (e.g. types and level of hazards likely to be encountered)
- length of the voyage
- number of persons on board
- the profile of persons on board (e.g. children, elderly, level of experience, gender etc.)
- the level of First Aid training of the crew, personnel and persons on board including the First Aid procedures and drills carried out on board the vessel
- prevailing or expected environmental conditions likely to be encountered on the voyage
- incidents and accidents that have occurred in the operation and in the wider industry sector.

AMSA encourages you to seek assistance from a First Aid supplier or provider to ensure you comply with WHS requirements and that you have mitigated the specific risks in your operation!

Some questions you might like to consider when conducting your risk assessment...

1 Do you know if your current First Aid kit/equipment meets WHS requirements?

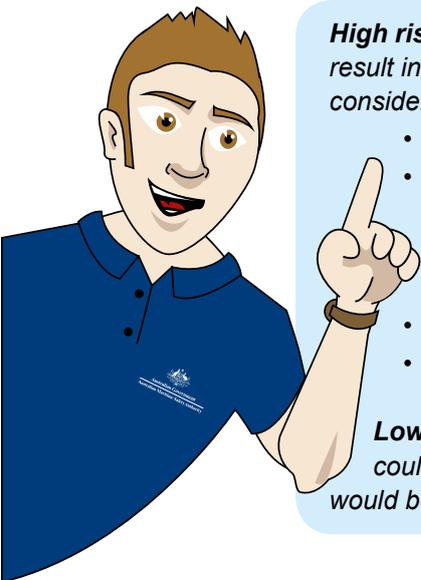
Yes No

You can seek assistance from a First Aid supplier/provider to help you determine if your current kit/s and equipment meets the WHS requirements. The [First Aid in the Workplace - Code of Practice](#) provides a practical guide for operators to consider their specific operations and vessel/s, as well as an example kit contents.

2 Would your operation be considered a high risk workplace in the WHS code of practice?

Yes No

If your operation would be considered a **high risk workplace** you may need to seek assistance from a First Aid supplier/provider to help you determine what extra supplies you may need in your First Aid kit.



High risk workplace means a workplace where workers are exposed to hazards that could result in serious injury or illness and would require First Aid. Examples of workplaces that may be considered high risk are ones in which workers:

- use hazardous machinery
- use hazardous substances
- are at risk of falls that could result in serious injury
- carry out hazardous forms of work (for example, working in confined spaces, welding, electrical work)
- are exposed to the risk of physical violence
- work in or around extreme heat or cold (for example, prolonged outdoor work in extreme temperatures).

Low risk workplace means a workplace where workers are not exposed to hazards that could result in serious injury or illness. Potential injuries and illnesses requiring First Aid would be minor in nature.

3 Is your workplace remote or where access to emergency services is limited? (e.g. more than 2 hours from medical assistance)

Yes No

If you are operating in a **remote area**, or where **emergency access is limited** you may need to seek assistance from a First Aid supplier/provider to help you determine what extra supplies you may need in your First Aid kit.



4 Do you have sufficient trained First Aiders on your vessel, in your operation?

Yes No

5 Do all First Aiders on your vessel have current First Aid qualifications and up-to-date skills?

Yes No

6 Do you have access to trained First Aiders at all times on your vessel?

Yes No

You should consider your crewing arrangements to ensure you have enough crew on board with current First Aid Certificates.

7 Do you have sufficient First Aid kits on your vessel or in your operation including auxiliaries, tenders, life rafts, rescue craft?

Yes No

*If you are **unsure if you have enough kits** you may need to seek assistance from a First Aid supplier/provider to help you determine the type of kits to carry on board the parent vessel compared to the other vessels in your operation.*

8 Is your vessel a wet boat or dry boat?

Wet Dry

Do you need to consider the best way to store your First Aid kit to ensure it stays dry, but is still easily accessible?

9 Would you know if your First Aid equipment is ready for a First Aid emergency?

Yes No

When was the last time your First Aid supplies and equipment was checked?

10 Does your vessel have adequate and visible First Aid signage?

Yes No

Make sure that your First Aid kits are adequately signed and located so that they can be easily accessed in the event of emergency.

11 Does your vessel require defibrillators, eye wash facilities, etc.?

Yes No

If you are unsure you may need to seek assistance from a First Aid supplier/provider to help you determine if these items are required for your specific operation.

12 Do you review your First Aid kit requirements as your operation changes or as risks are identified?

Yes No

If it is very important that you review your First Aid supplies if you change the way you operate or put in place new processes and procedures in your operation.

13 Does your vessel have a current set of First Aid procedures?

Yes No

It is important that you consider First Aid as part of your vessels safety management system.

14 Does your operation provide information to staff about First Aid?

Yes No

It is important that you consider First Aid as part of your induction and staff training regimes.



15 Does your operation run regular First Aid Drills?

Yes No

Help your operation be prepared for things that may go wrong!

16 Would you know if, and when, your operation requires additional First Aid?

Yes No

First Aid suppliers and providers are able to help you consider your operation.

17 Do some of the activities that take place in your operation increase First Aid risk to crew, or persons on board?

Yes No

If you identify activities that may cause risks (like winches, cranes, slips, falls, confined spaces) First Aid suppliers and providers are able to help you consider additional items that may be required in your First Aid supplies.

18 Would you know how to cover First Aid beyond standard business hours?

Yes No

Be prepared. Think about how you would handle an incident on your vessel whether it be during the day or at night.

19 Based on your operation, do you know how long it would take to reach and access medical assistance?

Yes No

Ensure that you have considered how you contact emergency service providers and how long it would take to access their assistance. If it would take considerable time to access assistance, you may need to consider having extra items in your First Aid supplies.

20 Do you know how to access medical assistance?

Yes No

Consider the communication capability you have in your operation. Make sure you have a plan in place.

21 Does the master, crew and other persons know what to do in an emergency situation?

Yes No

Consider whether you may need to conduct drills, give briefings, provide signage (CPR Charts) etc.

22 Based on your operation, are persons on board likely to encounter specific hazards e.g. burns, stings, cuts and abrasions etc.?

Yes No

If yes, you may need to seek assistance from a first aid supplier/provider to help you determine what extra supplies you may need in your First Aid kit.

23 Would you know if your operation is First Aid READY?

Yes No

You can do an assessment on the [St John Ambulance Australia Website](#)

