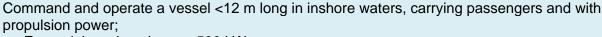
# Marine Order 505 – Certificate of Competency Coxswain Grade 1 Near Coastal (NC)

The following provides a summary of the requirements for a Coxswain Grade 1 (NC) Certificate of Competency (CoC) under Marine Order 505.

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



- For an inboard engine < 500 kW, or
- · For an outboard engine unlimited, and

Under the same propulsion power limits, command and operate vessel <12 m long:

- As a tender or auxiliary vessel within 3 nm of a parent vessel in the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ).
- Within waters designated for a specific purpose by a state or territory authority which permits holders of this certificate to operate (subject to any conditions that it may impose).

# What must I do to be eligible for a Coxswain Grade 1 CoC?

- Be at least 16 years when the certificate is issued.
- Evidence of sea service accrual in the form of:
  - Record of sea service form 771 or
- Approved sea service log book or
- On board sea service record from your task book or
- Letter from the vessel operator, owner, master or chief engineer detailing your QSS.

Note: At least half (50%) of the QSS required for this certificate must be accrued in the five (5) years immediately prior to lodging your application.

- Evidence of Medical Fitness:
- Self-declaration of Medical Fitness within the CoC application form 426 or
- Current AMSA medical (Certificate of medical fitness form 303) or
- Certificate of medical fitness for a near coastal certificate form 559.
- Evidence of Eyesight Test
- Eyesight Test Certificate Application within the CoC application form 426 or
- Current AMSA medical (Certificate of medical fitness form 303).
- Complete an AMSA approved course of study Certificate II – Coxswain Grade 1 course from an AMSA approved registered training organisation (RTO) from the MAR - Maritime Training Package.
- HLTAID003 unit of competency Provide first aid or equivalent.

- Marine Radio Operators VHF Certificate of Proficiency (MROVCP) issued by the Australian Communications and Media Authority, or higher qualification, or an equivalent qualification approved by the National Regulator.
- Pay fee/s.
- Pass an AMSA Mandated Practical Assessment (AMPA).
- · Proof of identity.
- Passport-style photograph taken in the previous six months.

### How do I get this certificate?

To obtain a 5 year Coxswain Grade 1 CoC you will need to have completed one of the following options for qualifying sea service (QSS):

While working in a deck or deck and engineering capacity, the applicant must have at least:

- <u>30 days'</u> QSS on commercial vessels ≥5 m long, and a completed approved task book; or
- 240 days' QSS on vessels ≥5 m long which all may be accrued on recreational vessels, without a task book.

The following form of QSS will be recognised as equivalent to the above QSS requirements if all other prerequisites for a Coxswain Grade 1 NC CoC are met:

 Sea service on a commercial vessel ≥4.5 m long while operating beyond sheltered waters within 5 nm from the point of departure, shore base or aquaculture lease.

## Possible restriction – Coxswain Grade 1 (NC)

#### Restricted to daylight hours:

A certificate will be restricted to daylight hours:

- If the person is colour vision deficient.

#### Inboard propulsion power <100kW:

A certificate will be restricted to inboard propulsion power <100 kW (or unlimited outboard power) if the person:

- Completes only the entry-level motor engineering unit of the MAR – Maritime Training Package.

#### Restricted to sheltered waters

A certificate will be restricted to command a vessel only in sheltered waters:

- if at least half of the QSS required is not seaward of sheltered waters.

A certificate will be restricted to:

 command and operate the engines of a vessel only in sheltered waters or within 5 nm from point of departure, shore base or aquaculture lease.

# How do I keep this certificate?

To revalidate your certificate you must:

- Lodge a completed a CoC application form 426.
- Evidence of Medical Fitness:
  - Self-declaration of Medical Fitness within the CoC application form 426, or
  - Current AMSA medical (Certificate of medical fitness form 303), or
- Certificate of medical fitness for a near coastal certificate form 559.
- If holding a passenger carrying endorsement, HLTAID003 unit of competency - Provide first aid or equivalent.

# How to apply for a Certificate of Competency – Initial Issue / Revalidation (select as required)

### Lodge an application at Australia Post:

- Complete a CoC application form 426 online or download a pdf version and then complete it.
- · Complete all sections of the form.
- Respond yes or no to all questions and statements in the application form.
- Complete all boxes (if the information requested is unknown or not applicable insert N/A).
- Download a pdf version of the form to generate your barcode.
- Print the form.
- · Attach copies of all required documents.

- Sign the declaration.
- Submit your application and pay a fee at an AMSAcontracted Australia Post outlet.
- Provide proof of identity when you lodge your application.

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

# Commonwealth statutory declaration

A Commonwealth provided template can be used to make a declaration under the *Statutory Declarations Act 1959*. The original statutory declaration must be posted to AMSA – SCS, GPO BOX 2181, Canberra ACT 2601.

The completed statutory declaration form tells us that you are sending us true copies of the originals or is a written statement which you sign and declare to be true before an authorised witness.

For a copy of this template and full list of persons authorised to witness statutory declarations under the Commonwealth Statutory Declarations Act (1959), see Statutory Declarations Regulations 1992, Schedule 2, a copy of which is available on our website or at the following link: www.comlaw.gov.au/Details/F2006C00248

#### More Information

Seafarer Certification Guidance containing additional information on CoC, sea service requirements and task books, can be obtained from the AMSA website at 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.