



# Do you operate your traditional inhabitant boat (TIB) as a domestic commercial vessel?



## What do you use your vessel for?

### Commercial vessel

If you use or intend to use your vessel for both commercial (even only part-time) and recreational/traditional activities, **then it is a domestic commercial vessel (DCV)**.

Read on to find out what you need to meet National Law Requirements.

### Recreational or traditional

If you only use your vessel for recreational or traditional activities, then it is **not a domestic commercial vessel**.

Check with Maritime Safety Queensland about what you need to do to meet the recreational safety requirements in Queensland waters.

### Tip

If you use your vessel to catch seafood that you sell, **then it is a DCV**.

# Before you begin operating your DCV, the following requirements **must be in place**, unless you have an exemption

## 1. Your vessel

DCVs are required to have a certificate of survey under the national law unless they are exempt under Exemption 2 – Marine Safety (Certificate of survey) or Exemption 40 – Marine Safety (Class C restricted operations).



If you have a new vessel, request a Vessel Unique Identifier



Contact an accredited marine surveyor to conduct a survey



Apply for a certificate of survey, exemption or other permits

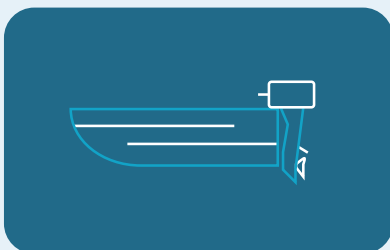
If your vessel was grandfathered before 30 June 2013 then your grandfathering arrangements will continue to apply. This means—if your vessel did not need to be surveyed then, it does not need to be surveyed now. **This will only change if you make changes to your vessel.**



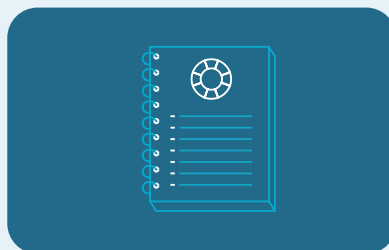
All DCVs that commenced operation or are transitional after 30 June 2013 are required to have a national law certificate of survey unless they are exempt under Exemption 2 – Marine Safety (Certificates of survey) or Exemption 40 – Marine Safety (Class C restricted operations).

## 2. Your vessel operations

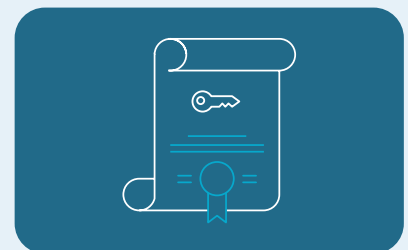
To obtain a certificate of operation you must provide details of the vessel used in your operation as well as details of how and where you intend to operate it.



Check what exemptions may apply



Prepare a safety management system



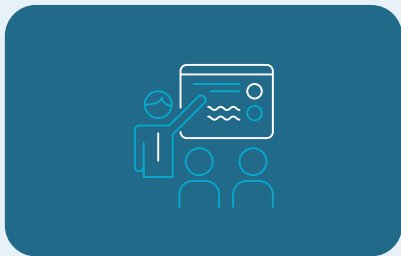
Apply for a certificate of operation or exemption



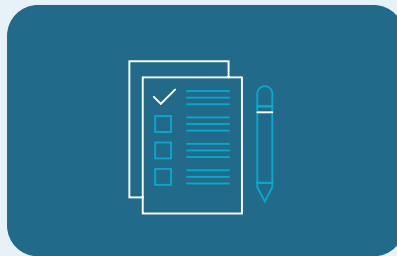
A safety management system (SMS) details the practices and procedures to be followed to ensure the safety of the vessel and the people on board. All domestic commercial vessels must have an SMS.

### 3. Your crew

To work on a vessel, you and your crew will require a certificate of competency or an exemption. A registered training organisation (RTO) can advise you of your training requirements and the best courses to fulfil your needs.



Contact a RTO and complete the required course



Sit an examination through the training organisation



Apply for a certificate of competency

### Exemption for traditional fishing

There is an exemption that specifically applies to TIBs.

Exemption 16 allows you to operate a TIB for commercial purposes without a certificate of competency if you are a traditional inhabitant in the area you operate and hold all of the following qualifications:

- A Certificate I, issued under the Australian Qualifications Framework, restricted to the waters in which the specified operation is to be conducted including:
  - Operate and maintain outboard motors (SFIVOP204 or equivalent)
  - Shipboard Safety Skill Set (MARSS0008 or equivalent)
- or a Coxswain Grade 2 near coastal certificate
- Short Range (radio) Operator Certificate of Proficiency (or equivalent)
- BoatSafe recreational boat licence course
- current first aid certificate (at least HLTAID003 or equivalent)



A TIB must be operated by a qualified person at all times.

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## Safety equipment list

This equipment list is general in nature and may not apply to your individual circumstances – it is generally based on the requirements for a compliant existing 3C vessel up to 6 metres in length and Exemption 40 (Class C restricted operations).

<input type="checkbox"/> Anchor with chain and rope	<input type="checkbox"/> First Aid Kit
<input type="checkbox"/> Open vessel; with covered bilges; with under-floor compartments (other than airtight void spaces filled with foam to over 90% of the void volume) <7.5m – Bilge Pump (1 x 4.0 kL / hr) <5m vessels may use a bailer	<input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Level 150 Lifejacket (marked) with whistle and light for each person (AMSA strongly encourage each person to wear a lifejacket at all times when on your vessel)
<input type="checkbox"/> Lifebuoy (marked) with 30m of 8mm buoyant rope attached and self-igniting light (GES – LifeCell) (Not required <6m if vessel has level flotation)	<input type="checkbox"/> Electronic navigation device (GPS) or Marine Chart of operational area
<input type="checkbox"/> Communication device for contacting a shore base or other vessels	<input type="checkbox"/> Compass
<input type="checkbox"/> Parachute Distress Rocket Flare – 3	<input type="checkbox"/> Navigation Lights (if operating at night)
<input type="checkbox"/> Red Hand-held Flare – 2	<input type="checkbox"/> Waterproof buoyant torch
<input type="checkbox"/> Orange Hand-held Smoke Flare – 1	<input type="checkbox"/> Sea anchor (drogue) unless capable of anchoring in deep water
<input type="checkbox"/> V Sheet (EX40)	<input type="checkbox"/> At least 2 litres of emergency drinking water for each person on board (EX40)
<input type="checkbox"/> GPS equipped EPIRB (if operating more than 2nm from land) – registered	<input type="checkbox"/> Sound signal (canister horn) and spare canister (EX40)
<input type="checkbox"/> Fire Extinguisher (ABE)	

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