



Australian Government
Australian Maritime Safety Authority

Marine Order 505 – Certificate of Competency Sailing Master Offshore Near Coastal (NC)

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

- ▶ Command, and operate the engines, of a sailing vessel <24 m long in waters to the outer limits of the Australian Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ):
 - with propulsion power <100 kW; and
 - with no more than 12 passengers if outside inshore waters
- ▶ Act as Chief mate or deck watchkeeper of a sailing vessel <45 m long in waters to the outer limits of the EEZ
- ▶ Operate a tender:
 - for the vessel under the command of the master; and
 - with propulsion power <100 kW
- ▶ Undertake the duties and perform the functions of a General Purpose Hand NC

How do I get this certificate?

To obtain a Sailing Master Offshore (NC) CoC you will need to have the following:

- Commercially endorsed RYA Yachtmaster Offshore or Yachtmaster Ocean certificate
- Long Range Operator Certificate of Proficiency (LROCP) issued by the Office of Maritime Communication (or higher certificate)
- Any one of the following:
 - Coxswain Grade 1 NC CoC;
 - Marine Engine Driver Grade 3 CoC;
 - MAR Maritime Training Package MARC037 Operate inboard and outboard motors, or a unit developed as part of the MAR Maritime Training Package to cover the same skills;
 - RYA Diesel Engine course and the Australian Sailing Powerboat Handling course;
 - The RYA Diesel Engine course and the RYA level 2 Powerboat course

Possible restriction – Sailing Master Offshore (NC)

Restricted to daylight hours

If the person is colour vision deficient the certificate will be restricted to operating only within daylight hours.

What must I do to be eligible for a Sailing Master Offshore (NC)?

- Be at least 16 years when the certificate is issued.
- Be able to speak and understand English, including written documents.
- Hold a commercially endorsed RYA Yachtmaster Offshore or RYA Yachtmaster Ocean certificate
- Hold a Marine Radio – Long Range Operator Certificate of Proficiency (LROCP) issued by the Office of Maritime Communications, or higher certificate

- Evidence of medical fitness (including eyesight requirements):
 - Certificate of medical fitness for domestic seafarers form 1850
 - Current AMSA medical (Certificate of medical fitness form 303)
- Complete one of the AMSA approved eligibility requirements. You can complete any one of the following:
 - Coxswain Grade 1 NC CoC;
 - Marine Engine Driver Grade 3 CoC;
 - MAR Maritime Training Package MARC037 Operate inboard and outboard motors, or a unit developed as part of the MAR Maritime Training Package to cover the same skills;
 - RYA Diesel Engine course and the Australian Sailing Powerboat Handling course;
 - The RYA Diesel Engine course and the RYA level 2 Powerboat course
- Complete a HLTAID011 unit of competency - Provide first aid or equivalent course.

How do I keep this certificate?

To renew your certificate, you must:

- Lodge a completed CoC application form 426
- Evidence of medical fitness:
 - Self-declaration of medical fitness within the CoC application form 426, or
 - Certificate of medical fitness for domestic seafarers form 1850
 - Current AMSA medical (Certificate of medical fitness form 303)
- HLTAID011 unit of competency - Provide first aid or equivalent.

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.

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, QSS 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.