Marine Order 505 – Certificate of Competency Master (Inland Waters)

The following provides a summary of the requirements for a Master (Inland Waters) Certificate of Competency (CoC) under Marine Order 505.

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

✓	Command a vessel <24 m long in inland waters
✓	If endorsed Mate <80 m NC – act as Chief Mate or deck watchkeeper on a vessel <80 m long in inland waters
✓	If endorsed Master <80 m inland waters – be a Master of a vessel <80 m long in inland waters

How do I get this certificate?

To obtain a 5 year **Master (Inland Waters)** CoC you will need to have completed one of the following options for qualifying sea service (QSS):

While working in any deck capacity on board, the applicant must have at least:

- **60 days** QSS on commercial vessels ≥7.5 m long and a completed approved task book, or

While working in a deck, or deck and engineering capacity on board:

- **120 days** QSS on vessels ≥7.5 m long, of which all may be accrued on recreational vessels.

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.

Possible restriction – Master (Inland Waters)

Restricted to daylight hours:

A certificate will be restricted to daylight hours:

- If the person is colour vision deficient.

Endorsement – Master (Inland Waters)

A Master (Inland waters) certificate holder may be endorsed for operations above the limits of the certificate A Master <35m NC certificate holder may be endorsed for operations outside of the limits of the certificate.

Mate <80 m in inland waters:

The certificate may be endorsed to allow the holder to be second in command of a commercial vessel <80 m in inland waters if the applicant: The holder must have at least 120 days QSS in charge of a navigational watch on commercial vessels ≥24 m long, accrued while the holder holds:

- Completes an approved task book, and

- Provides evidence of at least 7 days' QSS under supervision on a vessel ≥24 m operating in inland waters.

Command a vessel <80 m (Inland waters):

The certificate may be endorsed to allow the holder to command a vessel <80 m in inland waters if the applicant:

- Completes an approved task book; and

- Provides evidence of at least 14 days' QSS under supervision on a vessel ≥24 m operating in inland waters.

Note: the above evidence of QSS for endorsements will only be recognised if the hours were accrued after the Master (inland waters) certificate was issued.

What must I do to be eligible for a Master (Inland Waters) 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.

- 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 NC 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 III– Master (Inland Waters) course from an AMSA approved registered training organisation (RTO) from the MAR – Maritime Training Package.
- HLTAID003 unit of competency – Provide first aid or equivalent.
- 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 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.

How to apply for a CoC – 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 AMSA-contracted 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.