



Marine Order 73 – Certificate of Proficiency Navigational Watch Rating

The following provides a summary of the requirements for a **Navigational Watch Rating Certificate of Proficiency (CoP)**. This certificate is issued under Marine Order 70 (Seafarer certification) 2014 and Marine Order 73 (Ratings) 2014, made under the *Navigation Act 2012*.

What will I be able to do with this certificate? You will be able to perform the duties of:

- ✓ **Navigational Watch Rating** duties or functions on ships of any size in any operating area

How do I get this certificate?

To obtain a **Navigational Watch Rating CoP** you will need to:

OPTION 1:

- Have completed at least 2 months qualifying sea service (QSS).
- Have undertaken an approved program of study that includes completion of the AMSA approved Training and Guidance (TAGS) program.

OPTION 2:

- Have completed at least 6 months QSS that includes vocational training (ie completion of the AMSA approved Training and Guidance (TAGS) program).
- Complete the following approved STCW short course:
 - Basic Safety Training course, which includes Security Awareness Training.
- Hold the following valid certificates:
 - An approved steering certificate.
 - AMSA Certificate of Medical Fitness.

Note: A Navigational Watch Rating CoP is not valid for service on oil tankers, including bunker barges, chemical tankers or gas carriers, unless the holder has completed basic tanker familiarisation courses required by STCW Reg V/1-1 or STCW Reg V/1-2.

A holder of Navigational Watch Rating CoP cannot be responsible for launching, recovery or being in charge of a survival craft unless they also hold a CoP in Survival Craft and Rescue Boats, other than Fast Rescue Boats (STCW Reg VI/2) (Reference SOLAS Chapter III Regulation 2 and Regulation 10).

How do I keep this certificate?

To revalidate your certificate you must:

- Have completed one of the following:
 - At least 12 months QSS in the 5 years before applying to revalidate, or
 - At least 3 months in the 6 months before applying to revalidate.

On completion of the QSS, you should:

- Obtain a letter(s) from your employer(s) confirming sea service and stating that you have actively participated in the mandatory abandon ship and fire drills required by SOLAS as well as scheduled drills required by the on board Safety Management System. A copy of the letter should be submitted with the application (you should keep the original).
- Complete continued competence training for the STCW short courses in Fire Fighting and Fire Prevention (Basic Fire Fighting) and Personal Survival Techniques in the previous 5 years (refer to MO 73 Schedule 4).

Please note: *There are three types of continued competence courses. Please ensure you complete the continued competence for COST holders.*

If you **DO NOT HAVE** at least the specified seagoing service mentioned above, you will be required to complete the STCW short courses Fire Fighting and Fire Prevention (Basic Fire Fighting) and Personal Survival Techniques in full.

How to apply for a CoP – Initial Issue / Revalidation (select as required)

Lodge an application at Australia Post:

- Complete a Certificate of competency application form 419 online or download a pdf version and then complete it.
- Complete all sections of the form.
- 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.

Please note:

- All certificates and training must comply with STCW.
- All training courses and training programs must be approved by AMSA.
- All sea service must be documented qualifying sea service.

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.

Previous documents found to be in conflict with this document (or parts thereof) will be updated or withdrawn at the earliest opportunity.