



Marine Order 505 – Certificate of Competency Master <45m Near Coastal (NC)

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

- ▶ Command a vessel <45 m long within the Australian Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ)
- ▶ Command a vessel <100 m and <3000 GT in inshore waters
- ▶ Act as Chief Mate or deck watchkeeper on a vessel <100 m and <3000 GT within the EEZ
- ▶ Undertake the duties and perform the functions of a General Purpose Hand NC

How do I get this certificate?

To obtain a Master <45 m NC CoC you will need to have completed one of the following options for qualifying sea service (QSS):

While holding a Master <24 m NC or a Mate <80 m NC CoC:

- **At least 180 days** QSS on commercial vessels ≥12 m long, including 120 days as person in charge of a navigational watch, and an AMSA task book, or
- **At least 360 days** QSS on commercial vessels ≥12 m long, including 240 days as person in charge of a navigational watch without an AMSA task book.

The Master <45m task book can be obtained [from us](#) or from some registered training organizations (RTO). To order a task book directly from us, use the following webpage:

<https://www.amsa.gov.au/forms/purchase-task-books-record-books-and-log-books>

What must I do to be eligible for a Master <45m NC CoC?

- Be at least 16 years when the certificate is issued.
- Be able to speak and understand English, including written documents.

- Evidence of QSS accrual in the form of:
 - Record of sea service form 771
 - On board sea service record from your task book
 - Letter from the vessel operator, owner, master or chief engineer detailing your QSS.
 - Approved sea service log book
- 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)
- Evidence of CoC – Master <24 m (NC) or Mate <80 (NC).
- Complete a Certificate IV – Master <35m NC course from a registered training organisation (RTO).
- Hold a Marine Radio - Long Range Operator Certificate of Proficiency (LROCP) issued by the Office of Maritime Communications, or higher certificate.
- Complete a HLTAID011 unit of competency Provide first aid or equivalent course.
- Pass a final assessment.

How do I keep this certificate?

To renew your certificate, you must:

- Lodge a completed [CoC application form 426](#)
- Accrue 120 days QSS, for duties of the kind to which the certificate applies, accrued in the 5 years before the application.
- Evidence of medical fitness:
 - Certificate of medical fitness domestic seafarers form 1850 or
 - Current AMSA medical (Certificate of medical fitness form 303)
- HLTAID011 unit of competency - Provide first aid or equivalent.

If you do not meet the sea service requirement you may instead:

- Complete a final assessment, or
- Accrue 60 days QSS in the 6 months before the application, or
- Have other approved industry experience (e.g. state or territory marine agency assessor or operational employee, fleet manager, shore- side servicing, teaching at an approved training organisation for maritime studies, marine surveyor), or
- Complete an AMSA task book since the issue of your certificate.

Possible restriction – Master <45m (NC)

Restricted to daylight hours

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

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.

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.