



Australian Government

Australian Maritime Safety Authority

AMSA EX14

Marine Safety (Sea rangers) Exemption 2025

I, Kaylene Dale, Chief Executive Officer of the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (the National Marine Safety Regulator under section 9 of the *Marine Safety (Domestic Commercial Vessel) National Law*), make this instrument under subsection 143(1) of the *Marine Safety (Domestic Commercial Vessel) National Law*.

Dated 11 June 2025

Kaylene Dale

Chief Executive Officer

1 Name of instrument

This instrument is *Marine Safety (Sea rangers) Exemption 2025*.

2 Duration

This instrument commences on 1 July 2025 and ceases to have effect at the end of 30 June 2030.

3 Definitions and interpretation

In this instrument:

National Regulator means the Australian Maritime Safety Authority — see section 9 of the *Marine Safety (Domestic Commercial Vessel) National Law*.

sea ranger means a person employed as a sea ranger by an Indigenous community organisation or a sea management organisation connected with an Indigenous community organisation.

specified operation means the operation, as master, of a domestic commercial vessel in a specified area for purposes associated with managing activities within the marine environment.

4 Exemption

- (1) A person is exempt from the requirement to hold a certificate of competency that would be required for a specified operation if:
 - (a) the person is a sea ranger; and
 - (b) the National Regulator considers that the person is able to be the master of a vessel that:
 - (i) is <7.5 m long; and
 - (ii) has outboard propulsion power; and
 - (c) the National Regulator approves in writing the specified operation.

Note An application for approval can be part of the application for a certificate of operation or a separate application. For the form of application and how it will be processed, contact the National Regulator.

- (2) For paragraph (1)(c), an approval given under *Marine Safety (Sea rangers) Exemption 2020* that is in effect and has not expired is taken to be an approval given under this instrument.

5 Conditions

- (1) When carrying out the specified operation, the person must not use the vessel for any other purpose.
- (2) If the vessel carries a marine VHF radio, any person operating the radio must hold a Short Range Operator Certificate of Proficiency issued by the Australian Communications and Media Authority or its delegate.

Note The Office of Maritime Communications (OMC) issues Short Range Operator Certificates of Proficiency as a delegate of the Australian Communications and Media Authority under section 122A of the *Radiocommunications Act 1992*. Information on equivalent qualifications is available on the OMC website.

- (3) The National Regulator may make the approval subject to conditions that take account of the local conditions of the waters in which the vessel is to operate.