

AMSA EX17

Marine Safety (Great Barrier Reef Region and Torres Strait zone) 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* (*Great Barrier Reef Region and Torres Strait zone*) *Exemption* 2025.

2 Duration

This instrument commences on 1 July 2025 and ceases to have effect at the end of 30 June 2029.

3 Definitions

In this instrument:

Class 1 vessel means a vessel that has the vessel use category 1 under section 2.1 of NSCV Part B.

Class 2 vessel means a vessel that has the vessel use category 2 under section 2.1 of NSCV Part B.

Class 3 vessel means a vessel that has the vessel use category 3 under section 2.1 of NSCV Part B.

Great Barrier Reef Region has the same meaning as in the *Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Act 1975.*

Marine Safety (Domestic Commercial Vessel) National Law — see Schedule 1 to the *Marine Safety (Domestic Commercial Vessel) National Law Act 2012.*

NSCV — see section 6 of the national law, meaning of *National Standard for Commercial Vessels*.

NSCV Part B means Part B — General requirements of the NSCV.

pontoon means a barge that:

- (a) is not powered; and
- (b) is permanently anchored; and
- (c) if it does not have moored to it a vessel surveyed to service category Class 1 capable of carrying everyone on the barge — is equipped with the safety equipment that would be required for a Class 1 vessel operating lawfully in the area where the barge is anchored.

specified operation means performing duties of a master or crew member for a vessel in any of the following areas:

- (a) for a domestic commercial vessel surveyed to service category Class 1C or 2C or operating as a fishing vessel and surveyed to service category Class 3C the Great Barrier Reef Region and the Torres Strait zone;
- (b) for a domestic commercial vessel surveyed to service category Class 1D, 1E, 2D or 2E that is permanently based at a pontoon surveyed to service category Class 1E anchored within the Great Barrier Reef Region or the Torres Strait zone — the area in which the vessel is in sight of, and is capable of communicating with, the pontoon;
- (c) for a domestic commercial vessel that is a pontoon surveyed to service category Class 1E the Great Barrier Reef Region;
- (d) for a domestic commercial vessel surveyed to service category Class 1D, 1E, 2D or 2E that is operating from a Queensland island the area in

which the vessel is in sight of, and is capable of communicating with, the island.

Note **Domestic commercial vessel** is defined in the *Marine Safety* (*Domestic Commercial Vessel*) *National Law* — see section 7.

Torres Strait zone means the area shown in Schedule 1.

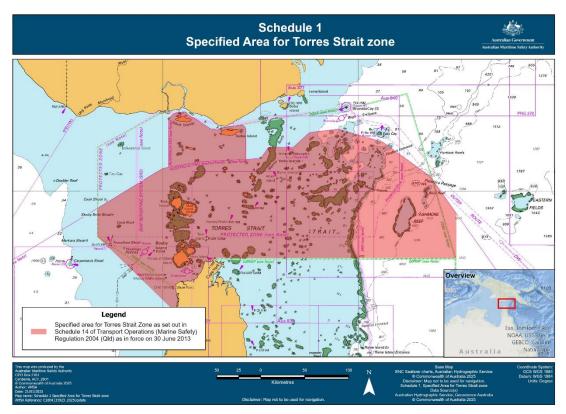
4 Exemption

A person is exempt from the requirement to hold a certificate of competency that would be required for a specified operation if the person holds:

- (a) for a person who is to perform the duties of master of a domestic commercial vessel that is ≥45 m long and <80 m long in the Great Barrier Reef Region or Torres Strait zone a Master <45 m NC certificate of competency; or
- (b) for a person who is to perform the duties of chief mate of a domestic commercial vessel that is ≥45 m long and <80 m long in the Great Barrier Reef Region or Torres Strait zone — at least a Master <24 m NC certificate of competency; or
- (c) for a person who is to perform the duties of master of a vessel mentioned in paragraph (b) or (d) of the definition of *specified operation* — a Coxswain Grade 1 NC or a Coxswain Grade 2 NC certificate of competency.

Schedule 1





4