



Exemption 17 - Marine Safety (Great Barrier Reef Region and Torres Strait zone)

This exemption allows people to work as a master or chief mate on a vessel operating in the Great Barrier Reef or Torres Strait Zone or from a Queensland island without the required certificate.

See table on the next page.



To be eligible for exemption 17, you must meet the requirements relevant to your area of operation.

| Areas of operation | Vessel class and service category | Vessel length | Duties that can be performed | Certificate of competency you can hold |
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| Great Barrier Reef Region and Torres Strait zone | 1C | <80 m | Master | Master <35 m NC* or Master <45 m NC |
| | 2C | | | |
| | 3C | | | |
| Great Barrier Reef Region and Torres Strait zone | 1C | <80 m | Chief mate | Master <24 m NC |
| | 2C | | | |
| | 3C | | | |
| Great Barrier Reef Region and Torres Strait zone | DCVs in service category 1D, 1E, 2D and 2E that are permanently based at an anchored pontoon that is in service category Class 1E. The vessel is in sight of, and is capable of communicating with, the pontoon. | Not applicable | Master | Coxswain Grade 1 NC or Coxswain Grade 2 NC |
| Great Barrier Reef Region | DCV that is a pontoon in service category 1E | <80 m | Master | Master <35 m NC* or Master <45 m NC |
| Great Barrier Reef Region | DCV that is a pontoon in service category 1E | <80 m | Chief mate | Master <24 m NC |
| Queensland Island | DCVs in service category 1D, 1E, 2D or 2E operating from a Queensland island. The vessel in sight of, and is capable of communicating with, the island. | Not applicable | Master | Coxswain Grade 1 NC or Coxswain Grade 2 NC |

***Notes:** From 1 January 2023, people who hold a Master <35 m certificate are automatically able to do the job of a Master <45 m. This includes acting as chief mate or deck watchkeeper on a vessel <100m long in the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ).