



**Australian Government**  
**Australian Maritime Safety Authority**

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**Marine Safety (Sea rangers) Exemption 2020**

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I, Michael Kinley, 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*.

29 June 2020

**Michael Kinley**  
Chief Executive Officer

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## 1 Name of instrument

This instrument is *Marine Safety (Sea rangers) Exemption 2020*.

## 2 Duration

This instrument commences on 1 July 2020 and ceases to have effect at the end of 30 June 2025.

## 3 Definitions

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 from the requirement to hold a certificate of competency

- (1) A person is exempt from the requirement to hold a certificate of competency that would be required for the 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 <7.5m long; and
    - (ii) has outboard propulsion power; and
  - (c) the person passes an assessment by the National Regulator, or an organisation approved by the National Regulator, of whether the person has operational knowledge, and knowledge of Australian maritime legislation, appropriate for the specified operation; and
  - (d) the National Regulator approves in writing the specified operation.

*Note 1* 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.

*Note 2* A fee may be charged — see s 9 of the *Marine Safety (Domestic Commercial Vessel) National Law Act 2012*.

- (2) For paragraph (1)(d), an approval given under the following that is in effect and has not expired is taken to be an approval given under this instrument:
- (a) *Marine Safety (Sea rangers) Exemption 2017*;
  - (b) *Marine Safety (Sea rangers) Exemption 2013*.

## 5 Conditions

- (1) When carrying out the specified operation, the person must not use the vessel for any other purpose.

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- (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 Australian Maritime College (AMC) 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 AMC 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.
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