



Australian Government
Australian Maritime Safety Authority

AMSA EX15

**Marine Safety (Scientific research and educational activities) Exemption
2020**

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

1 Name of instrument

This instrument is *Marine Safety (Scientific research and educational activities) 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:

Great Barrier Reef Region has the same meaning as in section 3 of 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*.

Note **National Regulator** is defined in the *Marine Safety (Domestic Commercial Vessel) National Law* — see section 6.

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.

special personnel has the same meaning as in NSCV Part B.

specified operation, for a domestic commercial vessel, means the use of a vessel up to 7.5 m long for scientific research or educational activities of a scientific research or educational organisation.

Torres Strait zone means the specified area described 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:

- (a) the master of the vessel is at least 16 years old; and
- (b) the master of the vessel holds any licence that would be required to operate the vessel recreationally in the waters where the person carries out the specified operation and complies with the conditions of the licence; and
- (c) the vessel carries only employees of the owner of the vessel and special personnel.

5 Conditions

The person may carry out the specified operation only in:

- (a) the Great Barrier Reef Region; or
- (b) the Torres Strait zone; or
- (c) in smooth or partially smooth waters, as defined in NSCV Part B; or
- (d) other waters approved in writing for the specified operation by the National Regulator.