

What equipment do I need to carry?

Safety equipment

- Level 150 coastal lifejacket for each person onboard
 - Lifejackets must be labelled with the vessel's identification number
- Anchor with chain and rope
- Sea anchor/drogue
- Bilge pump with capacity 4.0 kl/hr (see note below this list)
- Bailing bucket with lanyard
- Way to retrieve a person in the water, either:
 - a rescue quoit
 - a throw bag
 - a lifebuoy with 30m of buoyant rope attached (may be included in the buoyant appliance for floatation)
- Flares in a waterproof container:
 - 3 x parachute distress rocket flares
 - 2 x red hand-held flares
 - 1 x orange handheld smoke flare
- V Sheet
- First aid kit suitable for the type of operation, based on a risk assessment
- Waterproof torch or headlamp for each person on board
- 2 litres of water for each person onboard

Communication equipment

- Fixed VHF radio or a VHF handheld marine radio that:
 - is waterproof
 - floats
 - has minimum 5W transmission power
- 406 MHz EPIRB with GPS, registered with AMSA

Navigation equipment

- A sound signal (horn) and a spare canister if compressed air canisters are used
- Signalling mirror
- Electronic navigation device (GPS) or marine chart of the operational area
- Compass (may be handheld)
- Navigation lights (if operating between the gazetted hours of sunset and sunrise and in limited visibility)
- A clock, watch or time telling apparatus

Fire equipment

- Minimum 20:B fire extinguisher suitable to the risk of fire on the vessel.

NOTE: New vessel greater than 5 metres and not self-draining – bilge pump of capacity 4.0 kl/hr.

Existing vessel – bilge pump of capacity 4.0 kl/hr.

NOTE: Equipment such as inflatable lifejackets or fire extinguishers will require servicing.



Australian Government

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Torres Strait TIB Fishing

Specific vessel and operation exemption (vessel and operation) and exemption 16 (crew certificates)

Do you use your traditional inhabitant boat (TIB) to fish and sell seafood?

If you catch seafood and sell it, your boat is being used as a domestic commercial vessel (DCV).

All DCVs must be approved by AMSA, but in the Torres Strait you may qualify for special exemptions.

You can still use your boat for traditional hunting, fishing and daily life.



Need help?

Call AMSA Connect on **1800 627 484**

Tell them you are a Traditional Inhabitant of the Torres Strait and explain where you operate.



Is my boat eligible for the TIB specific exemption?

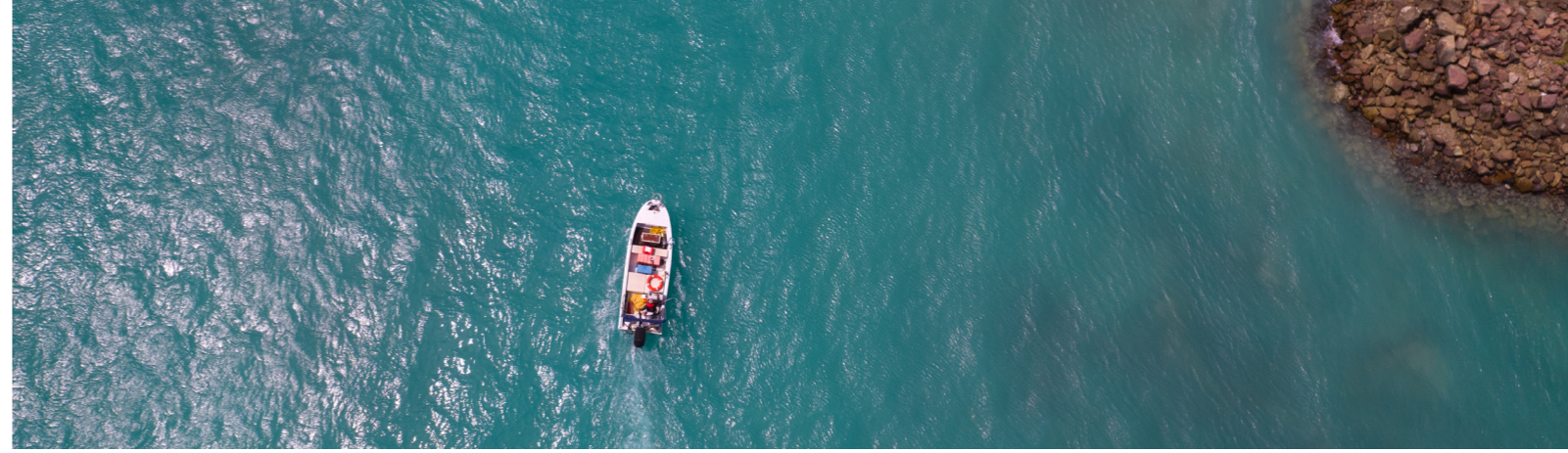
To qualify, you need to answer YES to all these questions:

- Do you hold an active Traditional Inhabitant Boat Licence for fishing and the boat is displayed with this boat mark?
- Is your boat less than 7.5m in length?
- Is fishing the only commercial activity you use your boat for?
- Do you only fish in this pink area - the area in which the Torres Strait Fisheries occur (see map below)



Torres Strait Fisheries

Check with AFMA on the particular limitations of your fishery license.



How do I operate under the exemption?

If you answered yes to all the questions above, you must:

- **Get your boat surveyed**
Your vessel will need to be checked by an AMSA accredited marine surveyor. The surveyor will submit a report to AMSA.
If the boat passes the survey, the surveyor will provide you with a statement of compliance.
Keep this on board. It proves your boat is exempt.
- **Apply for a unique vessel identifier (UVI)**
This is your AMSA boat number. You must show it clearly on the boat. It can be displayed with your TIB fish licence boat number.
- **Make sure you have the right equipment**
You will need the equipment listed on page 4 on board.
- **Create a safety management system**
This is a document that explains how you keep your crew and boat safe.
- **Check you have the right crew certificate**
You need to have the correct certificate of competency to operate the boat while fishing commercially. Traditional Inhabitants may be able to use exemption 16 for commercial fishing. Find out more about exemption 16 below.
- **Prepare for inspections**
An AMSA inspector will contact you to check the boat from time to time in the future.

What crew certificates do I need?

If you're the Master (the person in charge of the boat), you must hold a valid AMSA certificate of competency (like a Coxswain) or meet the requirements for an exemption.

Exemption 16 (pathway 1 or 2) lets Traditional Inhabitants operate a TIB for fishing without needing a full Certificate of Competency (pathway 3).

You don't need to apply for this exemption, but you must meet the requirements and be able to show your certificates if asked.

Certificates for Masters of TIBs

Pathways	What you need	When it applies
1. Coxswain Grade 2 (Exemption 16)	<input type="checkbox"/> Coxswain Grade 2 (renew every 5 years) <input type="checkbox"/> Short-range operator certificate of proficiency (VHF) <input type="checkbox"/> First aid certificate (HLTAID011) (renew every 3 years)	You are a Traditional Inhabitant of the area where you will fish.
2. Recreational licence + Certificate I (Exemption 16)	<input type="checkbox"/> Recreational boat licence <input type="checkbox"/> Certificate I qualification (under the Australian Qualifications Framework) that includes: <input type="checkbox"/> SFIVOP204 – Operate and maintain outboard motors*, or MARC037 – Operate inboard and outboard motors* and <input type="checkbox"/> MARSS00008 – Shipboard Safety Skill Set, or equivalent unit from the MAR maritime training package*. <input type="checkbox"/> Short-range operator certificate of proficiency (VHF) <input type="checkbox"/> First aid certificate (HLTAID011) (renew every 3 years)	You are a Traditional Inhabitant of the area where you will fish.
3. Coxswain Grade 1 (Certificates of Competency – national law)	<input type="checkbox"/> Coxswain Grade 1 (renew every 5 years) <input type="checkbox"/> Short-range operator certificate of proficiency (VHF) <input type="checkbox"/> First aid certificate (HLTAID011) (renew every 3 years)	When you do not wish to meet the requirements for exemption 16 and your TIB is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • is a Class 3 fishing vessel • is under 15m long (exemption 10) • has outboard engines • operates in restricted inshore waters.

*AMSA may accept other training programs as equivalent. Contact us if you're unsure.