

MAR20313 Certificate II in Maritime Operations (Coxswain Grade 1 NC)

If you have a passion for driving boats why not get paid for it? The marine industry needs competent crew to transport guests and cargo and to provide services, labour and contracts on the waterfront and on the coast.

A Coxswain can take control of a ferry, water taxi, jet boat, yacht, catamaran, tourism or catering vessel and a variety of work boats.

This qualification is one component of the eligibility criteria to achieve the [Coxswain Grade 1 Certificate of Competency](#) which allows you to work in any state or territory in Australia. You can apply for your certificate by submitting application forms, along with supporting material to a [marine safety agency](#) who will process your application on AMSA's behalf.

Coastal vessels

This qualification is suitable for people who work as a Coxswain Grade 1 in the maritime industry and command a commercial marine vessel:

- up to 12 metres in length with propulsion power that is unlimited for an outboard engine or up to 500 kW for an inboard engine
- **carry passengers** on this vessel inshore or as a tender or auxiliary vessel within 3 nautical miles (nm) of a parent vessel within the exclusive economic zone (EEZ).



Trainers

Our professional maritime trainers and assessors are qualified and experienced seafarers aboard a variety of commercial vessels. Our students are guaranteed a high level of education that combines traditional classroom teaching with practical, on board training

Course fees and duration

All courses are intense, of short duration and include a sea service requirement

- \$2750 includes Long Range Radio Operators Certificate of Proficiency (LROCP) and the course text
- Sydney courses are held monthly and the duration is 10 days plus 2 days of self-directed study
- Tweed Heads courses are held bi-monthly and the duration is 9 days plus 3 days of self-directed study

How to apply

Please complete the commercial course booking form on our website. After receiving your booking form, we will then email you a booking confirmation with a request to pay a deposit to ensure your place on the course.

If you need to cancel your course due to an emergency or work, be assured your course enrolment can be transferred to another date, course or person within a 12 month period or, you can apply for a [refund in extenuating circumstances](#)

Fee payment

A deposit of \$500 is to be paid on enrolment to hold your place on the course. Course fees are due to be paid in full on course commencement. You can pay by credit card, cash or by electronic funds transfer. Instalment payment plans are available on request

Our bank details are: Sea School International **BSB 062108 Account 10227798**. Please add your surname to the reference line so we can identify your payment.

Flexible course delivery

Participants may attend a full course or choose a "flexible delivery option" and attend days/weeks of the course over time and within a 2 year enrolment period. Depending on the course chosen, some days must be concurrent to ensure the participant meets the learning outcomes. The flexible delivery option must be discussed and approved by the Director prior to course commencement.

What to bring

Identification: Australian Drivers Licence, current passport or birth certificate, [Unique Student Identifier \(USI\)](#)

Sea Service: Please bring your [evidence of qualifying sea service](#). See the [Record of Sea Service Form](#)

RPL (if applying): Academic transcripts of previous qualifications, CV, letters from employers

Clothing: Work or casual clothes for both theory and practical days

Footwear: Deck shoes, joggers, sandals or work boots (no thongs)

Marine Radio day: 1 x Passport photo for LROCP Marine Radio course

Fight Fire day:

- No synthetic outer clothing, socks or underwear
- Long sleeve 'cotton' work shirt
- Long 'cotton' pants or jeans
- Empty pockets, remove all contents; remove watch, jewellery and sunglasses
- Hair is to be tied back, if applicable

Sea Survival day:

- In-water sea survival clothing to include a t-shirt or a long sleeve shirt plus long pants
- Warm beanie or hat
- Spare set of clothes to wear after sea survival in water practical
- Lunch, a bottle of water, large towel, warm jacket, and strong large plastic bag for wet clothes
- No jewellery allowed



Certification

To receive the full qualification you must demonstrate competency in all units and meet all course requirements, **including qualification of the required sea service.**

If you don't achieve competency in some of the units, Sea School's [Competency Not Achieved Assessment Policy](#) allows you to return to attend specified classes to re-sit training and/or assessments at no cost within a 12 month period. Should you not complete the whole course then you will receive a statement of attainment for the units you've completed.

Obtaining your Certificate of Competency. Your final assessment is with AMSA.

Candidates are required to undertake a final assessment conducted by a National Regulator approved assessor before being issued a certificate of competency. Please read the [AMSA guidance notice](#) to ensure you meet the eligibility criteria before applying for your oral examination. Note: this qualification is only one of the components required to obtain your certificate of competency.

Course Text

- The definitive reference book for the Maritime Industry and professional crew is the Australian Boating Manual by Dick Gandy. This is the course text and the cost is included in your course fees.
- A self-directed study regime during the course is required.

Course structure

The Coxswain certificate is made up of 12 units of competency:

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MARB002	Perform basic servicing and maintenance of main propulsion unit and auxiliary systems
MARC005	Operate inboard and outboard motors
MARC006	Operate main propulsion unit and auxiliary systems
MARF001	Apply basic survival skills in the event of vessel abandonment
MARF002	Follow procedures to minimise and fight fires on board a vessel
MARF004	Meet work health and safety requirements
MARF005	Survive at sea using survival craft
MARH001	Plan and navigate a passage for a vessel up to 12 metres
MARI001	Comply with regulations to ensure safe operation of a vessel up to 12 metres
MARJ001	Follow environmental work practices
MARK001	Handle a vessel up to 12 metres
MARN002	Apply seamanship skills aboard a vessel up to 12 metres



Credit transfer and recognition of prior learning (RPL)

- Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) is based on your work history, sea time and previous studies. If you can provide sufficient evidence (minimum currency 5 years) you can be granted RPL and you may be exempted from some of the coursework. A competency conversation interview may be required as part of your evidence.
- If you have completed a STCW95 or Elements of Shipboard Safety (ESS) course within the last 5 years, you will be eligible for a credit transfer or RPL for these units included in the Coxswain course structure. You must present evidence in the form of a transcript before a credit transfer or RPL can be granted.

Sea School locations for this course

Sydney	Unit 14, 16 Princes Street, Newport, NSW
Tweed Heads	33 Machinery Drive, Tweed Heads, NSW
Jervis Bay	64 Owen St, Huskisson, NSW
Gladstone	Shop 2 Spencer House, 120 Hanson Road, Gladstone QLD

Terms and conditions

Signing your enrolment form acknowledges your understanding of your rights, obligations and acceptance of Sea School's terms and conditions. Sea School course costs, timetable, course content, policies and procedures are subject to changes without notice. You are required to read the detailed terms and conditions information on [Sea School's](#) website.