

MAR10313 Certificate I in Maritime Operations (General Purpose Hand Near Coastal)

Train as a Deckhand and undertake a wide range of maritime work at sea and around the waterfront in communications, seamanship, logistics, tourism and hospitality; help re-build a marina or discover your potential with an environmental group. With further training and experience you could become a ships master.

- A General Purpose Hand (GPH) must be least 16 years of age and must successfully complete basic shipboard safety and sea survival training to work as a professional crew member.
- You will assist the Master, Engineer and/or owner as a general hand in the working of a commercial vessel.

This qualification is suitable for people working in entry level positions in the maritime industry as a General Purpose Hand on deck or in the engine room of a vessel up to 80 metres within the exclusive economic zone (EEZ) or in the engine room only for a vessel with propulsion power up to 3000 kW.

This qualification is one component of the eligibility criteria to achieve [General Purpose Hand 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.



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

- \$1400
- Course duration is 5 days fulltime or over 2 weekends (dates on application)

How to apply

Please complete the commercial course online 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.

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.

What to bring

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

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

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

Fight Fire day:

- No synthetic outer clothing, socks or underwear
- Long sleeve 'cotton' work shirt
- Long 'cotton' pants or jeans
- Hair is to be tied back, if applicable

Sea Survival day:

- In-water sea survival clothing to include a t-shirt or long sleeve shirt plus long pants
- 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



Certification

To receive the full qualification you must demonstrate competency in all units and, meet all course requirements.

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.

Course structure

The GPH certificate is made up of 8 units of competency:

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MARB001 Assist with routine maintenance of a vessel

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

MARG001 Work effectively as part of a crew on a vessel up to 80 metres

MARN001 Apply general purpose hand skills aboard a vessel

MARO001 Perform basic lookout duties



Credit transfer and recognition of prior learning (RPL)

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 of units that are included in the course structure. You must present evidence of course completion before a credit transfer can be granted.

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.