

Elements of Shipboard Safety Industry Skill Set (ESS)

This intensive course is very popular and a compulsory component of the maritime qualifications listed below.

You will learn survival techniques, safe working procedures for emergency situations on board a vessel, survival techniques on a vessel in an emergency situation, as well as abiding by safe working procedures.

- [MAR10313](#) - Certificate I in Maritime Operations (General Purpose Hand Near Coastal)
- [MAR20313](#) - Certificate II in Maritime Operations (Coxswain Grade 1 Near Coastal)
- [MAR10413](#) - Certificate I in Maritime Operations (Coxswain Grade 2 Near Coastal)
- [MAR30813](#) - Certificate III in Maritime Operations (Marine Engine Driver Grade 2 Near Coastal)
- [MAR20413](#) - Certificate II in Maritime Operations (Marine Engine Driver Grade 3 Near Coastal)
- [MAR30913](#) - Certificate III in Maritime Operations (Master up to 24 metres Near Coastal)



Who should do this course?

ESS is essential if you want a career in the maritime industry as its prerequisite for anyone applying to master or engineer a commercial vessel. Recreational boat owners, volunteer crews, sailing club members and competitive sailors should also consider this course for safety reasons.

Please note that parts of this course are strenuous, and students need to be physically fit for the survival life raft and fire-fighting drills as they require active participation.

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

- \$660
- Course duration 2 days

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 Statement of Attainment for Elements of Shipboard Safety 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 Elements of Shipboard Safety Skill Set is made up of 4 units of competency:

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



Credit transfer and recognition of prior learning (RPL)

If you have completed a STCW95 course within the last 5 years, you will be eligible for a credit transfer of units that are included in 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.