



**Australian Government**  
**Australian Maritime Safety Authority**

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**Marine Safety (Sea rangers) Exemption 2017**

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I, Gary Prosser, Acting Chief Executive Officer of the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (the National Marine Safety Regulator) made under section 9 of the *Marine Safety (Domestic Commercial Vessel) National Law* make this Order under subsection 143(1) of the *Marine Safety (Domestic Commercial Vessel) National Law*.

12 December 2017

**Gary Prosser**  
Acting Chief Executive Officer

**1 Name of Order**

This instrument is *Marine Safety (Sea rangers) Exemption 2017*.

**2 Duration**

This instrument:

- (a) commences on 1 February 2018; and
- (b) ceases to have effect at the end of 30 June 2020.

**3 Repeal and transitional matters**

- (1) *Marine Safety (Sea rangers) Exemption 2013* made on 21 June 2013 is repealed.
- (2) However, a written approval that was issued under that instrument and in effect on 31 January 2018 continues in effect until the end of 30 June 2020 as if the instrument under which it was issued had not been repealed.

**4 Definitions — the dictionary**

A definition in the dictionary applies to each use of the word or expression in this instrument.

*Note* The dictionary is located at the end of the instrument.

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## 5 Exemption

A person is exempt from the requirement to hold a certificate of competency that would be required for the specified operation if:

- (a) the person is a sea ranger; and
- (b) the National Regulator considers that the person is able to be the master of a vessel that:
  - (i) is < 7.5m long; and
  - (ii) has outboard propulsion power; and
- (c) the person passes an assessment by the National Regulator, or an organisation approved by the National Regulator, of whether the person has operational knowledge, and knowledge of Australian maritime legislation, appropriate for the specified operation; and
- (d) the National Regulator approves in writing the specified operation.

*Note 1* An application for approval can be part of the application for a certificate of operation or a separate application. For the form of application and how it will be processed, contact the National Regulator.

*Note 2* A fee may be charged — see s 9 of the *Marine Safety (Domestic Commercial Vessel) National Law Act 2012*.

## 6 Conditions

- (1) When carrying out the specified operation, the person must not use the vessel for any other purpose.
- (2) If the vessel carries a marine VHF radio, any person operating the radio must hold a Marine Radio Operators VHF Certificate of Proficiency issued by the Australian Communications and Media Authority.
- (3) The National Regulator may make the approval subject to further conditions that take account of the local conditions of the waters in which the vessel is to operate.

## Dictionary

(section 4)

***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.

**sea ranger** means a person employed as a sea ranger by an Indigenous community organisation or a sea management organisation connected with an Indigenous community organisation.

**specified operation** means the operation, as master, of a domestic commercial vessel in a specified area for purposes associated with managing activities within the marine environment.