



# Marine Order 505 – Certificate of Competency General Purpose Hand (NC)

## What will I be able to do with this certificate? The holder of this certificate can:

- ▶ Assist a master, engineer or an appropriately-certified crew member to whom supervision has been delegated, in any tasks that may be required on board, while working under general supervision
- ▶ Work on deck or in the engine room of a vessel <100 m and <3000 GT, with propulsion power <3000 kW in the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ)

Note: This means that a person assisting with deck work or engine work under direct supervision rather than general supervision is not required to hold a GPH certificate

## How do I get this certificate?

To obtain a General purpose hand near coastal CoC you will need to have the following:

- **5 days** QSS on a commercial vessel
- Completed a Certificate 1 - General Purpose Hand course from a Registered Training Organisation (RTO) as per MAR - Maritime Training Package
- Provide evidence of medical fitness (including eyesight requirements)

Note: There is no task book for General Purpose Hand NC.

## What must I do to be eligible for a General purpose hand near coastal CoC initial issue?

- Be at least 16 years when the certificate is issued.
- Be able to speak and understand English, including written documents
- **Provide at least 5 days** QSS on a commercial vessel

- Evidence of QSS accrual in the form of:
  - Record of sea service form 771
  - On board sea service record from your task book
  - Letter from the vessel operator, owner, master or chief engineer.
  - Approved sea service log book.
- Evidence of medical fitness (including eyesight requirements):
  - Certificate of medical fitness for domestic seafarers form 1850
  - Or current AMSA medical (Certificate of medical fitness form 303)
- Complete a Certificate I - General Purpose Hand course from an RTO from the MAR - Maritime Training Package;
- HLTAID011 unit of competency - Provide first aid or equivalent.
- Pass an AMSA Mandated Practical Assessment (AMPA). (optional)

### How do I keep this certificate?

To renew your certificate you must:

- Lodge a completed CoC application form 426
- Evidence of medical fitness:
  - Self-declaration of medical fitness within the CoC application form 426, or
  - Certificate of medical fitness for domestic seafarers form 1850
  - Current AMSA medical (Certificate of medical fitness form 303)
- Complete a HLTAID011 unit of competency - Provide first aid or equivalent course.

### Possible restriction – General purpose hand (NC)

#### Restricted to daylight hours

A certificate will be restricted to lookout duties during daylight hours only unless under direct supervision:

- If the person is colour vision deficient.

### How to apply for a certificate of competency – Initial issue / renewal

Lodge an application at Australia Post:

- Complete a CoC application form 426 online or download a pdf version and then complete it.
- Attach copies of all required documents.
- Sign the declaration.
- Submit your application and pay a fee at an AMSA-contracted Australia Post outlet.
- Provide proof of identity when you lodge your application. Australia Post will take your photograph for your application.

AMSA may request reasonable evidence to confirm or verify any of the information provided as part of the application.

### More Information

Seafarer Certification Guidance containing additional information on CoC, QSS requirements and task books, can be obtained from the AMSA website at [www.amsa.gov.au](http://www.amsa.gov.au).

#### Note:

If there is an inconsistency between this document and previously issued documents about the subject matter, this document supersedes information found in previous documents dealing with these matters.