



Australian Government
Australian Maritime Safety Authority

Marine Order 505 – Certificate of Competency Master <24m Near Coastal (NC)

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

- ▶ Command a vessel <24 m long in the Australian exclusive economic zone (EEZ).
- ▶ Act as chief mate on a vessel <45 m long <EEZ
- ▶ Act as deck watchkeeper on a vessel <100 m and <3000 GT <EEZ
- ▶ Act as chief mate on a vessel <100 m and <3000 GT in inshore waters
- ▶ Undertake the duties and perform the functions of a General Purpose Hand NC and Master (Inland waters) NC

How do I get this certificate?

To obtain a Master <24 m NC CoC you will need to have completed one of the following options for qualifying sea service (QSS):

- **At least 120 days** QSS on commercial vessels ≥7.5 m long working in a deck capacity, with an AMSA task book,
- **At least 360 days** QSS on a vessel ≥7.5 m long of which at least half must be on commercial vessels, working in a deck or both a deck and engineering capacity, without an AMSA task book.

The Master <24m NC task book can be obtained from us or from some registered training organizations (RTO). To order a task book directly from us, use the following webpage:

<https://www.amsa.gov.au/forms/purchase-task-books-record-books-and-log-books>

What must I do to be eligible for a Master <24m NC CoC?

- Be at least 16 years when the certificate is issued.
- Be able to speak and understand English, including written documents.

- Evidence of QSS accrual in the form of:
 - Record of sea service form 771
 - On board sea service record from your task book or
 - Letter from the vessel operator, owner, master or chief engineer detailing your QSS.
 - Approved sea service log book
- Evidence of medical fitness (including eyesight requirements):
 - Certificate of medical fitness domestic seafarers form 1850 or
 - Current AMSA medical (Certificate of medical fitness form 303).
- Complete a Certificate III – Master <24m NC course from a registered training organisation (RTO).
- Complete an AMSA mandated practical assessment (AMPA) from an approved RTO.
- Hold at least a Long Range Operator Certificate of Proficiency (LROCP) issued by the Office of Maritime Communications, or higher certificate
- Complete a HLTAID011 unit of competency Provide first aid or equivalent course.

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 domestic seafarers form 1850 or
 - Current AMSA medical (Certificate of medical fitness form 303)
- HLTAID011 unit of competency - Provide first aid or equivalent.

Possible restriction – Master <24m (NC)

Restricted to daylight hours

If the person is colour vision deficient the certificate will be restricted to operating only within daylight hours

Endorsement – Master <24m (NC)

A Master <24m NC can be endorsed to command and operate the engines of a vehicular ferry-in-chains attached to the shore by cable if they provide evidence that they have at least 20 days qualifying sea service on a ferry in chains.

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.

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.