

## Marine Information Bulletin

### Conversion of pre-Uniform Shipping Laws (USL) Code licences

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#### Background

Licences that were issued in Queensland before the enactment of the *Transport Operations (Marine Safety) Act 1994* ceased to be valid in 1996.

Maritime Safety Queensland will continue to convert these licences according to the tables in this Marine Information Bulletin.

This information has previously been released as *Notes for the guidance of candidates* for the conversion of licences for the specific periods of time.

Licences issued prior to the introduction of the USL Code before 1988, will be converted according to *Table 1*. Licences issued between 1988 and 1992 will be converted according to *Table 2*. Licences issued between 1992 and 1994 will be converted according to *Table 3*.

#### Application

To apply to have your licence converted, you must do the following:

- Lodge an application form (F3103) personally at a Marine Operations Centre.
- Provide the original licence (or Statutory Declaration if lost);
- Provide two recent colour passport photographs (taken within the last year).
- Pay the prescribed fee;
- Provide statements of attainment attesting to the successful completion (within the last 5 years) of Senior First Aid, (TDMMF1007B) and Elements of

Shipboard Safety (TDMMF5407A, TDMMF5507A and TDMMF1107B) units of competency from the Transport Distribution (Maritime Operations) training package. These units of competency are held in perpetuity.

- Provide a current certificate of medical fitness (issued within the last 2 years), including an eyesight test (where required) as defined in Medical Fitness Requirements (USL Schedule 1); and
- Provide proof of a Marine Radio Operators Certificate of Proficiency (deck certificates only).
- Candidates are required to demonstrate currency of competence by providing evidence of 12 months of sea service appropriate to the class of licence held within the past 5 years, or
- Successfully complete a Maritime Safety Queensland independent assessment at a Marine Operations Centre.

#### Information

For further information about this Marine Information Bulletin, email [msqmail@msq.qld.gov.au](mailto:msqmail@msq.qld.gov.au).

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**TABLE 1****Deck certificates (Pre 1988)**

<b>Former deck certificate</b>	<b>Equivalent deck certificate</b>
Master Fishing Vessel Grade 3	Coxswain (Restricted)
Launchmaster	Master Class 5 (Restricted)
Puntman	Master Class 5 (Restricted)
P.I.C	Master Class 4 (Restricted)
Master FV1B	Skipper Grade 3
Master Fishing Vessel Grade 2	Skipper Grade 3
Master Fishing Vessel Grade 3	Coxswain (Restricted to fishing ships with the former certificate limits)
Master FV1A	Skipper Grade 2
Master of a Limited Coasting Passenger Vessel	Master Class 4
Master Grade IV	Master Class 4
Master Grade III	Master Class 4
Master Grade II	Master Class 3
Master Grade I	Master Class 3
Master of a Coaster	Master Class 3
Mate Grade One	Mate of any ship within the Qld jurisdiction

**Engineering certificates (Pre 1988)**

<b>Former engineering certificate</b>	<b>Equivalent certificate</b>
Coastal Engine Driver 1st Grade	MED (Motor) Grade 1
Coastal Engine Driver 2nd Grade	MED (Motor) Grade 2
Coastal Engine Driver (Motor)	MED (Motor) Grade 2
Engine Driver Fishing Grade A	MED (Motor) Grade 2
Engine Driver Fishing Grade B	MED (Motor) Grade 3
H & R Engine Driver 1st Grade	MED (Motor) Grade 2
H & R Engine Driver 2nd Grade	MED (Motor) Grade 3
H & R Engine Driver (Motor) Grade A	MED (Motor) Grade 2
H & R Engine Driver (Motor) Grade B	MED (Motor) Grade 3
Marine Motor Engineer Grade A	MED (Motor) Grade 1
Marine Motor Engineer Grade B	MED (Motor) Grade 2

**TABLE 2****Deck certificates (1988 to 1992):**

<b>Former certificate</b>	<b>Equivalent certificate</b>
Coxswain (Trading)	Coxswain
Coxswain (Fishing)	Coxswain
Master Class V (Trading)	Master Class 5
Master Class V (Fishing)	Skipper Grade 3
Master Class IV (Trading)	Master Class 4
Master Class IV (Fishing)	Skipper Grade 2
Master Class III (Trading)	Master Class 3
Master Class III (Fishing)	Skipper Grade 1

**USL engineering certificates (1988 to 1992):**

<b>Former certificate</b>	<b>Equivalent certificate</b>
MED IV (Q) (T)	MED (Motor) Grade 3
MED IV (Q) (F)	MED (Motor) Grade 3
MED III (Q) (T)	MED (Motor) Grade 2
MED III (Q) (F)	MED (Motor) Grade 2
MED II	MED (Motor) Grade 2
MED I	MED (Motor) Grade 1
Marine Engineer Class 3	Engineer Class 3

**TABLE 3**

**Deck certificates (1992 to 1994):**

<b>Former certificate</b>	<b>Equivalent certificate</b>
Coxswain (Trading)	Coxswain
Coxswain (Fishing)	Coxswain
Master Class 5	Master Class 5
Skipper Grade 3	Skipper Grade 3
Master Class 4	Master Class 4
Skipper Grade 2	Skipper Grade 2
Master Class 3	Master Class 3
Skipper Grade 1	Skipper Grade 1
Mate Class 4 (Trading)	Mate Class 4

**Engineering certificates (1988 to 1992):**

<b>Former certificate</b>	<b>Equivalent certificate</b>
MED IV (Q) (T)	MED (Motor) Grade 3
MED IV (Q) (F)	MED (Motor) Grade 3
MED (Motor) Grade 3	MED (Motor) Grade 3
MED III (Q) (T)	MED (Motor) Grade 2
MED III (Q) (F)	MED (Motor) Grade 2
MED II	MED (Motor) Grade 2
MED I	MED (Motor) Grade 1
Marine Engineer Class 3	Engineer Class 3