

Notes for the guidance of candidates – Converting from Skipper Grade 3 to Master Class 5

Limits

The holder of a Master Class 5 license can act as master in:

- Commercial ships less than 24 metres in length to within 200 nautical miles from the mainland coast, within the Queensland jurisdiction. This is not a dual deck and engineering certificate. Candidates who wish to operate in a dual capacity must also obtain an appropriate engineering certificate.

Application

- Candidates applying for this conversion must hold either a USL Certificate of Recognition as a Skipper Grade 3 issued in Queensland in recognition of a previous Queensland license or a USL Certificate of Competency as Skipper Grade 3.
- Candidates must lodge their application form (F3103) personally at a Marine Operations Centre. At this time, candidates may arrange for an appointment for a sea service assessment or oral examination.
- Proof of compliance with the prerequisites listed below must accompany the application. Candidates must supply photocopies of these documents (including their qualifying sea service) which have been verified by a Justice of the Peace or a Commissioner of Declarations.

Prerequisites

To be eligible for examination, the candidate must:

- Provide a current certificate of medical fitness (issued within the last 2 years), including an eyesight test as defined in Medical Fitness Requirements (USL Schedule 1);
- Provide two recent colour passport photographs (less than 1 year old);
- Provide a valid Senior First Aid certificate (valid for 3 years).
- Provide statements of attainment attesting to the satisfactory completion of the Elements of Shipboard Safety units of competency from the Transport Distribution (Marine Operations) training packages or equivalent units from the Seafood Industry training package (SFICORE 106A, SFISHIP 212B);
- Provide a Restricted Radio Operators Certificate of Proficiency **OR** Marine Radio Operators Certificate of Proficiency;
- Pay the prescribed fees.

Qualifying sea service

3 months of appropriate sea service in trading ships is required.

Additional training required

- For applicants who possess a Certificate of Recognition issued in Queensland as recognition of pre-USL certificate, you must provide proof of successful completion of the Unit of Competency (TDM MH11 02A) "Use radar to maintain safe navigation" from the Maritime Training Package.

Oral examination

- An oral examination must be undertaken at a Marine Operations Centre.

Recording sea service

- MSQ may request supporting documentation (i.e. statutory declarations) to support ROS Book entries.
- Falsifying sea service is an indictable offence.
- **Ratification of sea service does not automatically constitute acceptance. The examiner determines final acceptance.**

Notes

- Under the ROPES book system, candidates must record sea service in the basic unit of a "month". A month is defined as a minimum of 150 hours of work over a period of at least 20 days.
- Candidates who have accumulated sea service in days (under the ROS book system) must convert their sea service to calendar months (30 days = 1 month).

Marine operations centres

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| Gladstone | (07) 4973 1200 | Pinkenba | (07) 3860 3500 |
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