

Marine Information Bulletin

Commercial licence – Coxswain (restricted to 2 nm from primary ship and all smooth and inland waters)

Limits of licence

The holder of this licence can act as master of:

- Commercial ships less than 12 metres in length within smooth and inland (including rivers, lakes and dams) waters.
- Commercial ships less than 12 metres operating within two nautical miles (nm) from primary ship.
- Fishing ships less than 15 metres in length within smooth and inland (including rivers, lakes and dams) waters.

The holder of this licence can act as engineer of:

- Ships under 12 metres in length with main engines less than 250kW, operating within smooth and inland (including rivers, lakes and dams) waters.

The holder of this licence maybe 'restricted to outboard powered ships **only**' and, therefore, cannot act as master or engineer if the ship is fitted with inboard propulsion engines.

Note: Candidates whose sea service has been assessed as being limited to outboard powered ships only are **not** required to complete the following coxswains' engineering units of competency – TDMMR3007B, MR3107B and MR3207B. However, it is recommended that they complete the competency SFISHIP207B Operate and Maintain Outboard Motors. These candidates will be restricted to ships with outboard motors.

Application for licence

Candidates must personally lodge or make appropriate arrangements to lodge their marine licence application on form F3103 with supporting documents at a Maritime Safety Queensland regional office.

Evidence of the prerequisites listed below must accompany the marine licence application. If supplying copies of original documents they must be suitably certified by a Justice of the Peace or a Commissioner of Declarations.

Prerequisites

To be eligible for oral examination by Maritime Safety Queensland candidates must:

- Be 18 years of age (evidence of identity required).
- Provide a current certificate of medical fitness (issued within the last two years), including eyesight test as defined in Medical Fitness Requirements (USL Schedule 1).

Note Candidates should undertake eyesight and colour

vision testing before commencing training and the issue of an initial commercial licence. Maritime Safety Queensland may issue a licence restricted to daylight hours only if the minimum standard for colour vision is not met.

- Provide the notification of result of sea service assessment form F4686 (valid for one year).
- Provide two recent colour passport photographs (taken within the last 12 months).
- Provide proof of a Marine Radio Operators Certificate of Proficiency (MROCP) or a Marine Radio Operators VHF Certificate of Proficiency (MROVPC)
- Provide a recreational marine drivers licence (RMDL).
- Provide a TDM20307 Certificate II in Transport Distribution (Coastal Maritime Operations – Coxswains) or a Statement of Attainment for units detailed in the table below, attesting to the satisfactory completion of the required competencies (within the last five years) issued by an authorised registered training organisation (RTO).
- Pay the prescribed fees.

For further details refer to general licence profiles on Maritime Safety Queensland's website

Note: the units of competency for Elements of Shipboard Safety, and Occupational Health and Safety at Sea are perpetual. \

The following units are required from TDM20307 Transport and Distribution Package (Coastal Maritime Operations – Coxswain)

Field/unit	Descriptor
TDMMB4507A	Monitor condition and seaworthiness of a small vessel up to 24 metres
TDMMC707C	Apply seamanship skills and techniques when operating a small vessel within the limits of responsibility of a Coxswain
TDMMC907C	Manoeuvre a domestic vessel within the limits of responsibility of a Coxswain
TDMME507B	Transmit and receive information by marine radio or telephone (MROCP or MROVCP)
TDMME1107A	Contribute to effective communications and teamwork on a coastal vessel

TDMMF1007B	Provide elementary first aid or WH&S Level 2 or Senior First Aid certificate
TDMMF1107B	Survive at sea in the event of vessel abandonment
TDMMF3207C	Apply domestic regulations and industry practices when operating a small coastal vessel
TDMMF5407A	Observe safety and emergency procedures on a coastal vessel
TDMMF5507A	Fight and extinguish fires on board a coastal vessel
TDMMR5407B	Carry out refuelling and fuel transfer operations
TDMMR3007B	Operate and carry out basic service checks on small vessel marine propulsion systems
TDMMR3107B	Operate and carry out basic servicing on auxiliary systems
TDMMR3207B	Operate and carry out basic routine servicing of marine extra low and low voltage electrical systems
TDMMU507B	Ensure compliance with environmental considerations in a small domestic vessel

Qualifying sea service

Sea service required for this licence is:

- Three months appropriate sea service in ships less than 24 metres in length.

Sea service assessment

Candidates must personally lodge or make appropriate arrangements to lodge their sea service assessment application on form F4634 at a Maritime Safety Queensland regional office.

Sea service will be assessed using the National Maritime Safety Committee's (NMSC) Principles for Assessing Sea Service – Circular N° 03-2 issued on 7 August 2003. A copy of this document can be accessed at www.msq.qld.gov.au/Licensing/Commercial/Sea-service.aspx.

Candidates must provide a Workplace-based Task Book (WBT book) signed off by an authorised RTO. Satisfactory completion of the WBT book or a Record of Practical Experience and Sea-Service (ROPES) book will, where applicable, lead to a reduction of 50% of the qualifying sea service.

Under the Record of Service (ROS) book or ROPES book system, sea service is assessed 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.

Maritime Safety Queensland requires candidates to gain

appropriate quality sea service by competently performing the duties relevant to the level and discipline of the licence required. For example, performing the duties and accepting the responsibilities that would be comparable to that of a master, watchkeeper or deckhand onboard a ship.

Maritime Safety Queensland may request supporting documentation (i.e. statutory declarations) to support ROS book or ROPES book entries.

Ratification of sea service does not automatically constitute acceptance. The Maritime Safety Queensland examiner determines final acceptance.

Note: Falsifying sea service is an indictable offence.

Oral assessment

Candidates are required to undertake an oral assessment independent of the RTO, conducted by Maritime Safety Queensland before being issued a licence.

An appointment for an oral assessment can only be made after all of the requirements for the licence have been satisfied.

Candidates who successfully complete the oral assessment may request a temporary authority to allow them to operate immediately.

Information

Information on RTO locations and Marine Information Bulletins covering various topics relating to marine licensing can be obtained from Maritime Safety Queensland's website at www.msq.qld.gov.au and from the following Maritime Safety Queensland regional offices.

Airlie Beach	(07) 4946 2200
Bundaberg	(07) 4131 8500
Cairns	(07) 4052 7400
Gladstone	(07) 4973 1200
Hervey Bay	(07) 4194 9600
Mackay	(07) 4944 3700
Mooloolaba	(07) 5477 8425
Pinkenba	(07) 3860 3500
Southport	(07) 5539 7300
Townsville	(07) 4726 3400

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