

Notes for the guidance of candidates – New Zealand applicants under the terms of the Trans-Tasman Mutual Recognition (Queensland) Act 2003

Principle

The *Trans-Tasman Mutual Recognition (Queensland) Act 2003* was enacted to enable persons from New Zealand to have their vocational licences recognised in the Queensland Jurisdiction. This legislation can be applied to commercial marine licences if a New Zealand licence has an equivalent Queensland licence under the USL Code.

Application

To make application under this legislation, you need to provide the following:

- Proof of identity.
- A completed Marine Certificate Application Form (F3103). (Note: there is no requirement to complete the sections for eyesight, medical fitness or declaration of sea service.)
- A copy of your NZ licence certified by a Justice of the Peace.
- A completed Notice to seek registration for an equivalent occupation under the terms of the *Trans-Tasman Mutual Recognition (Queensland) Act 2003*. (F4524).
- The prescribed fee.

Where there is equivalence between a New Zealand licence and the corresponding Queensland licence from the table below, the applicant will be issued with an interim Queensland licence and allowed to operate until such time as their formal licence is issued.

There is no requirement to undertake further training or an oral examination.

Candidates must note that Queensland issues most commercial marine licences for a period of 5 years. Candidates will be required to revalidate their Queensland licence at the time that their New Zealand licence would have been due for revalidation or after 5 years, which ever is the sooner. Please read the MIB on Revalidation of Licences (**MAR203mh4**) for further information.

Equivalent Occupations

The table below shows New Zealand licences that have been found to have an equivalent licence in Queensland under the USL Code.

<i>(old) New Zealand licence</i>	<i>(new) New Zealand licence</i>	<i>USL licence.</i>
Commercial Launchmaster	Inshore Launch Master	Coxswain
NZ Coastal Master	New Zealand Offshore Master	Master Class 5 or Skipper Grade 3 or both
Mate of Deep Sea Fishing Boat	Mate of a Deep Sea Fishing Vessel	Skipper Grade 3
Skipper Deep Sea Fishing Boat	Master of a Deep Sea Fishing Vessel	Skipper Grade 2
Engineer Local Ship	Marine Engineer Class 5	Marine Engine Driver Grade 2 (motor)
First Class Diesel Trawler Engineer	Marine Engineer Class 4	Marine Engine Driver Grade 1 (motor)

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Gladstone	(07) 4973 1200
Mackay	(07) 4944 3700

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