

Maritime Safety Queensland

BoatSafe Information Bulletin - 005

COVID-19

Purpose

This BoatSafe Information Bulletin (BIB) relates to the controlled environment required in order to recommence BoatSafe training and assessment.

Requirements

Situation

This BoatSafe Information Bulletin (BIB) outlines the framework under which BoatSafe trainers may return to service delivery, based on current Chief Health Officer advice. It is a condition of your BoatSafe training authority that all BoatSafe related activities are conducted in line with any published BIBs.

COVID-19 Operational requirements

Approval to recommence BoatSafe training and assessment has been received from the State Health Emergency Crisis Centre (SHECC). This is on the condition that social distancing is maintained 'as far as practicable'.

To meet this condition, you will need to tailor your individual operations accordingly. Each trainer will be solely responsible for demonstrating compliance with this requirement.

Operating Conditions

These conditions apply to all authority holders from **07 May 2020**.

BoatSafe providers must ensure that 'as far as reasonably practicable' social distancing guidelines and personal hygiene measures are adhered to.

This MAY include:

- Limiting personnel on a vessel to ensure social distancing is maintained
- Ensuring all trainers and students remain more than 1.5m away from each other at all times unless completing the practical training and assessment.
- Having a documented procedure for any students and trainers that present as unwell
- Ensuring theory components when conducted indoors, provide for at least 4 square meters of space per person
- Wearing appropriate clothing and PPE.

Definitions:

Social distancing includes remaining at least 1.5 metres away from others as much as you can.

Personal hygiene measures include regular handwashing or use of alcohol-based hand sanitisers, covering your nose and mouth with a tissue or bent elbow when coughing or sneezing and avoid touching your face, nose and mouth. And avoid shaking hands.

Boat Training Organisations found to be not complying with the conditions of the BoatSafe Information Bulletin 005 as required, may be subject to suspension or cancellation of their authority.

Further Information

For further information contact the BoatSafe Team – boatsafe@msq.qld.gov.au