

Elements of Shipboard Safety

Who is the course for?

Successful completion of this course is an *AMSA* requirement for anyone who works or wishes to work as a Near Coastal Coxswain, Master, Marine Engine Driver or, where stipulated, as a deckhand on a commercial coastal vessel.

Course requirements

There are no formal prerequisites for this course. It is expected that people who enrol and participate in this course are confident working in water and can swim.

How will I be trained and assessed?

SMT's training and assessment is conducted in the classroom, in a pool and at a fire ground and will include:

- written assessments of underpinning knowledge
- verbal assessments of understanding of safety procedures and actions to be taken during emergencies and exceptional circumstances
- simulated workplace activities outlined in an activity booklet and demonstrations of practical skills and knowledge

What will I learn?

The course provides theoretical and practical training in matters that affect personal safety, the safety of the vessel and the safety of the crew as a whole. It covers topics including:

- fire prevention, theory of combustion and methods of extinguishing fire
- practical training in the use of fire-fighting appliances & life-saving appliances carried on a vessel
- practical training in launching, boarding and survival in an inflatable life raft
- accident prevention on a vessel, including falls, burns and scalds, electric shock, working near machinery and moving objects
- occupational health and safety principles including individual responsibilities

How long is the course?

This is a 2 day course (1st day: 9am – 5pm @ SMT, 2nd day: 8:30 – 5pm @ The Lea) All of the equipment, training and assessment materials that participants need will be provided by SMT. Participants must bring their own writing materials and wear work-style clothing and enclosed footwear appropriate for the weather conditions forecast for the fire practical day. Participants must also bring a spare set of work clothes for the pool practical session as you are required to be fully clothed in the water.

What sort of credential(s) do I get if I successfully complete the course?

If you successfully complete all of the written and practical assessments, you will receive a nationally-recognised Statement of Attainment for the following units:

- MARF027 Apply basic survival skills in the event of a vessel abandonment
- MARF028 Follow procedures to minimise and fight fires on board a vessel
- MARF030 Survive at sea using survival craft
- MARF029 Meet work health and safety requirement

For eligible Tasmanian residents, this training is subsidised by the Department of State Growth, Tasmania.