

# 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, OHS 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.**