

M24 - MAR30918 Certificate III in Maritime Operations (Master up to 24m Near Coastal)

Who is the qualification for?

This qualification is for people who require a commercial licence to skipper fishing or trading vessels up to 24 metres in length within 200 nautical miles from the coast or act as Watchkeeper or Chief Mate on larger vessels. People who complete this course will meet some of AMSA's training requirements for a Master up to 24m Near Coastal CoC. Holders of this CoC are also qualified to act in the following positions:

- Master on commercial vessels <24m long in the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ)
- Chief Mate or deck watchkeeper on vessels <35m long in the EEZ or up to 80 metres in length in inshore waters

Qualification requirements

There are no formal prerequisites for this qualification; however, the training is designed for participants who have considerable experience in operating small vessels and have the required sea service to apply for a Master up to 24m (NC) CoC. For more information about Master up to 24m (NC) CoC including sea service requirements, see the AMSA website www.amsa.gov.au or contact the SMT office

How will I be trained and assessed?

SMT provides this training by working with participants to recognise and build on their existing skills and knowledge. Training and assessment is conducted in a classroom environment, workshop and on vessels, activities will include:

- written assessments* of underpinning knowledge, completion of workbook activities and an assignment
- verbal assessments of understanding of actions to be taken during routine, emergency and exceptional circumstances
- computer-simulation assessments of watch keeping activities and demonstration of vessel practical skills and knowledge

Participants who are seeking a Master up to 24m (NC) CoC must also undertake an AMSA mandated practical assessment (AMPA) which is incorporated and completed during the course assessment.

What will I learn?

The course covers theoretical and practical knowledge of the following:

- COLREGS and Buoyage
- Coastal Navigation, Radar
- Wheelhouse systems
- Ship systems, Seamanship
- Workplace regulations and legislation
- Ship stability
- Voyage planning

How long will the Qualification take to complete?

This course is 25 days, classes are generally from 9am to 5pm, with some assessment days running into the evening where required. All equipment, training and assessment materials participants need are provided. Please bring your own writing materials, wear work-style clothing and enclosed footwear suitable for a Vessel and Wet Weather gear appropriate for the forecasted weather conditions.

- one week per month for five months (Option 1) or five consecutive weeks (Option 2 and 3)

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

To receive a MAR30918 Certificate III in Maritime Operations (Master up to 24m Near Coastal), you will be required to complete 15 units of competency, those 15 units are made up of 10 units from the Master 24 course which are listed below, 4 units from the ESS course and 1 First Aid unit.

- MARB029 Perform routine maintenance on a vessel up to 24 metres
- MARB030 Slip or dock a vessel and maintain hull on a vessel up to 80 metres
- MARH015 Manage and maintain navigational watch on board vessels up to 80 metres
- MARH016 Plan and navigate a passage for a vessel up to 80 metres
- MARH017 Use wheelhouse equipment for safe navigation
- MARI004 Observe regulations to ensure safe operation of a vessel up to 80 metres
- MARJ007 Monitor environmental management on a vessel
- MARK008 Manoeuvre a vessel up to 24 metres within near coastal waters
- MARN009 Perform seamanship operations on board a vessel up to 24 metres
- BSBFLM303 Contribute to effective workplace relationships

AMSA Mandated Practical Assessment (AMPA) and Interim Certificate of Competency (ICoC)

As part of its assessment process, SMT will complete an AMPA on each participant for the units completed as part of the course. Completed AMPA's are a requirement of AMSA and are submitted to AMSA with your completed AMSA application paperwork.

SMT can issue an Interim Certificate of Competency (ICoC) to participants who have successfully completed the courses for a Master up to 24m NC, have been issued with the qualification, have met all of the evidence and sea time requirements of AMSA and have all fees paid.

The following AMSA paperwork and evidence is required to be completed by the participant and submitted to SMT a minimum of 1 week prior to the commencement of the course:

- AMSA 426 Certificate of Competency Application which incorporates the Sea Service and Medical Declaration
- AMSA 542 Eyesight test certificate (must be completed by an optometrist)
- AMSA 771 Sea service record
- Proof of identity which includes a Passport or a driver's licence and birth certificate
- Current photo (SMT will take your photo and verify it)
- Other attached evidence including a current first aid and Marine Radio licence

Within 7 days of an ICoC being issued, SMT will lodge all completed paperwork to AMSA on your behalf. If you do not have all your paperwork completed prior to the commencement of your course, SMT will still lodge your application paperwork to AMSA but you may not be eligible for an ICoC.

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