



Australian Government
Australian Maritime Safety Authority

Marine Order 505 – Certificate of Competency Coxswain Grade 1 Near Coastal NC

What will I be able to do with this certificate? The holder of this certificate can:

- ▶ Command and operate engines of a vessel <12 m long in inshore waters or waters permitted by a State or Territory authority which permits holders of this certificate to operate, subject to any conditions that it may impose, and
 - with propulsion power under 500 kW for an inboard engine and unlimited kW for an outboard engine
 - as a tender within 3nm of the parent vessel <EEZ with propulsion power under 500 kW for an inboard engine and unlimited kW for an outboard engine
- ▶ Act as chief mate or deck watchkeeper on a vessel <24 m long in inshore waters
- ▶ Undertake the duties and perform the functions of a General Purpose Hand NC, a Coxswain Grade 3 NC and a Coxswain Grade 2 NC

How do I get this certificate?

To obtain a Coxswain Grade 1 CoC you will need to have completed one of the following options for qualifying sea service (QSS):

- **At least 30 days** qualifying sea service on a commercial vessel ≥5 m long, working in a deck or working both in a deck and an engineering capacity, with an AMSA task book
- **At least 150 days** qualifying sea service on a commercial or recreational vessel ≥5 m long, working in a deck or working both in a deck and an engineering capacity, without an AMSA task book.

The Coxswain Grade 1 task book can be obtained from us or from some registered training organizations (RTO). To order a task book directly from us, use the following webpage:

<https://www.amsa.gov.au/forms/purchase-task-books-record-books-and-log-books>

What must I do to be eligible for a Coxswain Grade 1 CoC?

- Be at least 16 years when the certificate is issued.
- Be able to speak and understand English, including written documents.
- Evidence of QSS accrual in the form of:
 - Record of sea service form 771
 - On board sea service record from your task book or
 - Letter from the vessel operator, owner, master or chief engineer detailing your QSS.
 - Approved sea service log book
- Evidence of medical fitness (including eyesight requirements):
 - Certificate of medical fitness domestic seafarers form 1850 or
 - Current AMSA medical (Certificate of medical fitness form 303).

- Complete a Certificate II – Coxswain Grade 1 NC course from a registered training organisation (RTO).
- Complete an AMSA mandated practical assessment (AMPA) at an approved RTO.
- Hold at least a Short Range Operator Certificate of Proficiency (SROCP) issued by the Office of Maritime Communications, or higher certificate.
- Complete HLTAID011 unit of competency Provide first aid or equivalent course.

How do I keep this certificate?

To renew your certificate you must:

- Lodge a completed CoC application form 426
- Evidence of medical fitness:
 - Self-declaration of medical fitness within the CoC application form 426, or
 - Certificate of medical fitness for domestic seafarers form 1850, or
 - Current AMSA medical (Certificate of medical fitness form 303).
- Complete a HLTAID011 unit of competency - Provide first aid or equivalent course.

Possible restriction – Coxswain Grade 1 (NC)

Restricted to daylight hours

If the person is colour vision deficient the certificate will be restricted to operating only within daylight hours.

Endorsement – Coxswain Grade 1 (NC)

A Coxswain Grade 1 NC can be endorsed to command and operate the engines of a vehicular ferry-in-chains attached to the shore by cable if they provide evidence that they have at least 20 days qualifying sea service on a ferry in chains.

How to apply for a certificate of competency – Initial issue / renewal

Lodge an application at Australia Post:

- Complete a CoC application form 426 online or download a pdf version and then complete it.
- Attach copies of all required documents.
- Sign the declaration.
- Submit your application and pay a fee at an AMSA-contracted Australia Post outlet.
- Provide proof of identity when you lodge your application. Australia Post will take your photograph for your application.

AMSA may request reasonable evidence to confirm or verify any of the information provided as part of the application.

More Information

Seafarer Certification Guidance containing additional information on CoC, QSS requirements and task books, can be obtained from the AMSA website at www.amsa.gov.au.

Note:

If there is an inconsistency between this document and previously issued documents about the subject matter, this document supersedes information found in previous documents dealing with these matters.