



Australian Government
Australian Maritime Safety Authority

Marine Order 505 – Certificate of Competency Marine Engine Driver Grade 3 Near Coastal (NC)

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

- ▶ Perform the duties of Chief Engineer on a vessel with an inboard engine with propulsion power <500 kW in waters to the outer limits of the EEZ
- ▶ Perform the duties of Chief Engineer on a vessel with an outboard engine with unlimited propulsion power in waters to the outer limits of the EEZ
- ▶ Perform the duties of Second Engineer (second in charge of the engine room) on a vessel with an inboard engine with propulsion power <750 kW in waters to the outer limits of the EEZ
- ▶ Assist an engineer in any tasks that may be required on board while working under the general supervision of the person in charge of the vessel's engines in waters to the outer limits of the EEZ
- ▶ Work in the engine room of a vessel with propulsion power <3000 kW in waters to the outer limits of the EEZ

How do I get this certificate?

To obtain a MED 3 CoC you will need to have completed one of the following options for qualifying sea service (QSS):

While performing duties as a general purpose hand (with or without a certificate), as an assistant to an engine driver, to a chief engineer or to a second engineer, or as a Coxswain grade 1 or grade 2:

- **At least 20 days** qualifying sea service on a commercial vessel with propulsion power ≥ 75 kW that includes at least 10 days on a vessel with an inboard diesel engine and a completed AMSA task book.
- **At least 60 days** qualifying sea service on a commercial vessel with propulsion power ≥ 75 kW that includes at least 30 days on a vessel with an inboard diesel engine without an AMSA task book.

An MED 3 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 MED 3 (NC)

- 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 – Marine Engine Driver Grade 3 NC course from a registered training organisation (RTO).
- Complete an AMSA mandated practical assessment (AMPA) at an approved RTO.
- Complete a 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.

Endorsement – MED 3 NC

An MED 3 can be endorsed to be Chief Engineer on a vessel that has steam as its main method of propulsion <750 kW, in inland waters and waters to the outer limits of the exclusive economic zone of Australia.

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.