

# MAR20321 Certificate II in Maritime Operations (Coxswain Grade 1 Near Coastal)

## DESCRIPTION

This qualification applies to people working in the maritime industry seeking an Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) certificate of competency to:

Command and operate the engines of a vessel less than 12 metres long with propulsion power that is unlimited for an outboard engine propulsion, or <500 kW for an inboard engine.

- In inshore waters or designated waters.
- As a tender or auxiliary vessel within 3 nautical miles of a parent vessel within the exclusive economic zone (EEZ).
- Act as a chief mate or deck watchkeeper on a vessel <24m long in inshore waters.
- You can also undertake the duties and perform the functions of a General Purpose Hand NC, Coxswain Grade 3 NC and Coxswain Grade 2 NC.

## LICENSING/ELIGIBILITY

This qualification is required to obtain an AMSA certificate of competency as a Coxswain Grade 1 NC as defined in the National Standard for Commercial Vessels (NSCV) Part D.

AMSA certification will require:

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- Be at least 16 years of age on the certificate issue date.
- Be able to speak and understand English, including written documents.
- A short range operator certificate of proficiency (SROCP - VHF radio) or higher.
- Gain any needed sea service – You need to show you have experience working at sea on board commercial or recreational vessels. You must have completed either:  
30 days on commercial vessels with a completed AMSA task book  
or  
150 days on commercial or recreational vessels without an AMSA task book.
- Meeting the medical and eyesight requirements specified in the NSCV Part D and
- Assessment by an AMSA approved assessor using the AMSA mandated practical assessment (AMPA) conducted on a commercial vessel ≥5.0 m in length.
- Valid HLTAID011 Provide first aid certificate.

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

To ensure you have the right skills and support to succeed in your course, a Language, Literacy, Numeracy and Digital Literacy (LLND) evaluation helps identify any areas where you may need additional support to help you achieve your goals.

It is recommended that students have a minimum of half of the applicable qualifying sea service as listed below

- 30 days with a completed and approved task book (15 days for course entry)
- 150 days without a completed and approved task book (75 days for course entry)

## DELIVERY DETAILS

Location(s)	Duration*	Study mode
Casuarina	1 x 4-week block / 20 days	Face-to-face including simulated
Remote	4 x 1-week blocks / 20 days	workplace

\* Duration will vary depending on how long a student takes to reach the required competency level.

## FEES

Fee Type	2025 Course Fees
Fee Free TAFE*	Free
Full Fee	\$6,734.38

\*This course is part of the Fee Free TAFE initiative. Fee Free TAFE and vocational education and training is a joint initiative of the Northern Territory Government and Australian Governments providing tuition-free training places to students wanting to train, retain or upskill.

Fee-free places are available for eligible domestic students who are NT residents; limited places are available, so secure your place now.

Fees shown are indicative and subject to change annually. Actual course fees may vary depending on the units chosen. International non-student visa-holders; study eligibility needs to be verified before enrolment. Fees may vary depending on the visa type. The course fee rates will vary for commercial contract arrangements.

For further clarification and information on fees, payment options, instalment plans, and refunds, contact CDU on 1800 061 963 or refer to [TAFE Fees and Payments](#).

## ASSESSMENT

Assessments vary with each unit. You will be provided with an assessment guide.

## RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING (RPL)

RPL is a process that determines whether the skills, knowledge and experience you have gained through your previous study, work or life experience can count towards a vocational training qualification at CDU. For more information, refer to [VET RPL](#).

## RESOURCES

Students are issued with Learner Guides and course materials, readings, activities and are provided directly to the students during the face-to-face training.

## STUDY AND CAREER PATHWAYS

Further training pathways from this qualification include but are not limited to MAR30921 Certificate III in Maritime Operations (Master up to 24 meters Near Coastal) – CDU does not deliver.

Possible occupations relevant to this qualification include:

- Ferry coxswain
- Fishing tour guide
- Sea Ranger
- Crew boat coxswain

## QUALIFICATION CONTENT

To achieve MAR20321 Certificate II in Maritime Operations (Coxswain Grade 1 Near Coastal) a total of thirteen (13) core units of competency must be completed as detailed in the packaging rules and listed below.

### CORE UNITS

HLTAID011	Provide First Aid
MARB027	Perform basic servicing and maintenance of main propulsion unit and auxiliary systems
MARC037	Operate inboard and outboard motors
MARC038	Operate main propulsion unit and auxiliary systems
MARF027	Apply basic survival skills in the event of vessel abandonment
MARF028	Follow procedures to minimise and fight fires on board a vessel
MARF029	Meet work health and safety requirements
MARF030	Survive at sea using survival craft
MARH013	Plan and navigate a passage for a vessel up to 12 metres
MARI003	Comply with regulations to ensure safe operation of a vessel up to 12 metres
MARJ006	Follow environmental work practices
MARK007	Handle a vessel up to 12 metres
MARN008	Apply seamanship skills aboard a vessel up to 12 metres

### WITHDRAWING FROM A QUALIFICATION

You may withdraw from this qualification and receive, where relevant, a Statement of Attainment for all units of competency you have successfully completed.

### SUPPORT SERVICES

The University supplies support for students in many areas, including Accommodation, Careers and Employability, Counselling, Disability Services, Student Advocacy, Indigenous Tutorial Support Services, International Student Support Services, Library Services, and VET Learner Support Services.

More information is available at [Student Support](#).

### CONTACT DETAILS

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For further information regarding student life at CDU, please refer to <https://www.cdu.edu.au/study/student-life>.