MAR20324 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 of Coxswain Grade 1 Near Coastal.

Duties and Functions:

Duties and functions for which AMSA certificate of competency is required are listed in the MAR Maritime Training Package Companion Volume Implementation Guide.

Licensing/Regulatory Information

This qualification is required to obtain an AMSA certificate of competency as a Coxswain Grade 1 NC as specified in Marine Order 505.

AMSA certification will require:

- achieving MAR20324 Certificate II in Maritime Operations (Coxswain Grade 1 Near Coastal),
- short range operator Certificate of Proficiency issued by ACMA (or higher qualification),
- qualifying sea service as specified in Marine Order 505,
- meeting the medical requirements specified in the Marine Order 505 and
- passing final assessment specified in Marine Order 505.

Seafarers seeking certification should check with AMSA.

ELIGIBILITY/ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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.

To gain entry into MAR20324 Certificate II in Maritime Operations (Coxswain Grade 1 near Coastal), it is a CDU recommendation that students have completed at least half of the applicable qualifying sea service before commencing.

Qualifying sea service for application of licence:

- 30 days with a completed and approved Task Book, i.e. 15 days for entry to course
- 150 days without a completed and approved Task Book, i.e. 75 days for entry to course

A suitable record of sea time already obtained is to be recorded in the student's file, i.e. an approved record book or statutory declaration from vessel skipper/s.

Students must hold a current First Aid Certificate (HLTAID011 - Provide First Aid).

DELIVERY DETAILS -

Location(s)	Casuarina, remote
Duration*	1 x 4 week block / 20 days (Casuarina campus) 4 x 1 week blocks / 20 days (Remote delivery)
Study mode ^^	Face-to-face
Dates ^	Start dates: Term 1 – 2nd March 2026 Term 2 – 5th May 2026 Term 3 – 4th August 2026 Term 4 – 12th October 2026
Attendance ^	Block week delivery Monday to Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm (includes 1 hour for breaks) Students must attend all training and assessment sessions. Vessel operation and maintenance training occurs on the CDU vessel or hired vessel whilst moored and on the water to train and practice manoeuvrability.

Duration may vary depending on how long a student takes to reach the required competency level.
^ Course timetable will be provided on application for the course.
^^Information relating to study modes can be found in the 2026 TAFE Student Guide

FEES

Fee Type	2026 Course Fees
Fee Free TAFE*	Free
Full Fee	$6,559.75

*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. For 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, fee exemptions, payment options, instalment plans, and refunds, contact CDU on 1800 061 963 or refer to TAFE Fees and Payments

ASSESSMENT

Skills and knowledge assessments are an essential step in progressing through your course. You may be assessed in a number of ways including written assessment, questioning, portfolios, work samples, direct observation, practical assessments and third-party feedback.

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Throughout your course you will receive information about assessments including how, when and where assessments will be conducted.

RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING (RPL)

RPL is a process that determines whether the skills, knowledge and experience you've gained through your previous study, work or life experience can count towards a vocational training qualification at CDU. For more information, VET RPL.

CREDIT TRANSFER (CT)

Charles Darwin University as a Registered Training Organisation recognises the Australian Qualifications Framework qualifications and Statement of Attainments issued by any other Australian Registered Training Organisation (RTO).

Students are encouraged to submit any requests for credit from previous studies at the time of enrolment, to ensure they are not enrolling in units they may not need to undertake.

RESOURCES

Students are issued with learner guides and course materials during face-to-face training.

STUDY AND CAREER PATHWAYS

Further training pathways from this qualification include but are not limited to XXXX.

Possible occupations relevant to this qualification include:

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

QUALIFICATION CONTENT

To achieve MAR20324 Certificate II in Maritime Operations (Coxswain Grade 1 Near Coastal) a total of thirteen (13) core units of competency must be completed.

CORE UNITS

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
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
MARF060	Apply basic survival skills in the event of vessel abandonment
MARH013	Plan and navigate a passage for a vessel up to 12 meters
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
HLTAID011	Provide First Aid (*credit transfer only*)

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 provides support for students in many areas, including Accommodation, Careers and Employability, Counselling, Disability Services, Financial Support 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 - Life, Health and Wellbeing

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

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