



USE OF AUSTRALIAN DOMESTIC SEAFARER QUALIFICATIONS ON REGULATED AUSTRALIAN VESSELS

For vessels of less than 80 metres in length and with a total propulsion power of less 3000 kW engaged on Australian near coastal voyages within the EEZ AMSA will accept Australian domestic near coastal seafarer qualifications issued in compliance with NSCV Part D – Crew Competencies (November 2013).

Owners and/or operators wishing to use seafarers holding domestic near coastal seafarer qualifications on a Regulated Australian Vessel (RAV) must recognise that these seafarers might not have undertaken STCW short courses that could be relevant to the position held on board a particular vessel.

STCW short courses cover specific knowledge and competencies that directly relate to either safety of vessels or safety of seafarers.

All applications for a Minimum Safe Manning Document for a regulated Australian vessel (refer *Navigation Act 2012* Section 15) that include seafarer qualifications issued under NSCV Part D must include an assessment of STCW short courses required for particular crew members or particular positions on board.

STCW Short Course Requirement	Comment
STCW Reg IV/2 GMDSS General Operators Certificate	For non-SOLAS ships a Marine Radio Operators Certificate of Proficiency with or without a Satellite Endorsement may be an acceptable equivalent. For SOLAS ships operating in or near defined port limits or inshore operations not all deck officers may require a GMDSS GOC.
STCW Reg V/1-1 (1) Basic training in oil and chemical tanker operations.	Only required for crew with specific responsibilities related to cargo operations on oil tankers, including bunker barges, and chemical tankers.
STCW Reg V/1-1 (3) or (5) Master, Chief Engineer, Chief Mate, 1st Engineer with immediate responsibility oil or chemical tanker operations	Only required for officers with immediate responsibility for cargo operations on oil tankers, including bunker barges, and chemical tankers.
STCW Reg V/1-2(1) Basic training in gas carrier operations.	Only required for crew on gas carriers with specific responsibilities for cargo operations on gas carriers.
STCW Reg V/1-2(3) Master, Chief Engineer, Chief Mate, 1st Engineer with immediate responsibility gas carrier operations.	Only required for officers with immediate responsibility for cargo operations on gas carriers.
STCW Reg V/2 para 4, 5 and 6 Mandatory minimum requirements for crew on passenger ships	All crew serving on passenger ships.
STCW Reg V/2 para 7 Master, chief engineers, chief mates, 1st engineers and every person assigned immediate responsibility for specific tasks on ro-ro passenger vessels	All crew assigned immediate responsibility for embarking and disembarking passengers, loading, discharging and securing of cargo and opening and closing hull opening on ro-ro passenger ships.
STCW Reg VI/1 Basic Safety Training: Personal Survival STCW Code A-VI/1-1 Fire prevention STCW Code A-VI/1-2 Elementary first aid STCW Code A-VI/1-3 Personal Safety STCW Code A-VI/1-4	Mandatory for all seafarers who serve on a regulated Australian vessel.

STCW Reg VI/2-1 Certificate of Proficiency in Survival Craft other than fast rescue craft	If lifeboats are carried there must be enough crew on board holding this certificate/endorsement to ensure that lifeboats can be launched and retrieved safely and if necessary has a qualified person in command in the event of abandonment. It may be acceptable for smaller vessels fitted only with liferafts and a rescue boat that no crew need hold this endorsement/certificate. Operators need to be aware of the requirements of SOLAS Chapter III Reg 3.2 and Reg 10.
STCW Reg VI/2-2 Fast Rescue Craft	A Certificate of Proficiency in Survival Craft is a pre-requisite for issue of this certificate. Vessels fitted with a fast rescue craft must have a dedicated and trained fast rescue craft crew.
STCW Reg VI/3 Advanced fire fighting	Mandatory for seafarers designated to control firefighting operations.
STCW Reg VI/4-1 Seafarers designated to provide medical first aid first on board.	All officers who hold an STCW Certificate of Competency complete this training.
STCW Reg VI/4-2 Seafarers designated to take charge of medical care on board ship.	Masters and Chief Mates who hold a STCW Certificate of Competency as Master, Master <3000GT, Chief Mate or Chief Mate <3000GT, Master <500GT and Mate <500GT complete this training.
STCW VI/5 Ship Security Officer	At least person who has completed this training is required for ships to which the International Ship and Port Security Code (ISPS) and/or Maritime Transport and Offshore Facilities Security Act applies.
STCW VI/6-1 Security related training and familiarisation: STCW Code A-VI/6 para 4.	Mandatory for all seafarers serving on regulated Australian vessels.
STCW VI/6-4 Seafarers with designated security duties.	Be guided by ISPS Code Part A + Part B section 13.3.
STCW Code Table A-II/1 and Table A-II/2 - ECDIS training	Only required for Masters and mates serving on ships fitted with ECDIS.

AMSA does not require STCW short course endorsements to be placed in seafarer certificates issued in compliance with NSCV Part D. The owner/operator of a vessel must be satisfied that the seafarer holds the appropriate STCW short course completion certificate; if the need has been determined.

Note 1 – In order to comply with the Australian Radio Communications Act 1992 operators of radio communications equipment must hold an appropriate qualification. Evidence of course completion by itself is not acceptable.

Note 2 – The current Maritime Training Package requires applicants for a Certificate of Competency as Master <80 metre NC to complete STCW VI/3 Advance Firefighting.

Note 3 – Medically qualified person on board

Marine Order 11 Section 64(3) states:

Marine Order 11 Section 69 requires that a medically qualified person is on board. A person holding a Certificate of Proficiency in Medical First aid (STCW Section VI/4 para 1 to 3) or a Certificate of Proficiency in Medical Care on board a ship (STCW Section VI/4 para 4 to 6) will meet this requirement.

It is the responsibility of the operator to ensure that refresher training in medical first aid or medical care is conducted as considered appropriate by risk assessment.