



Marine Order 74 – Certificate of Competency Master <500 GT (Yachts)

The following provides a summary of the requirements for a **Master <500 GT (Yachts) CoC**. This certificate is issued under Marine Order 70 (Seafarer certification) 2014 and Marine Order 74 (Master and deck officers – yachts) 2015, made under the *Navigation Act 2012*.

What will I be able to do with this certificate? You will be able to perform the duties of:

✓	Master <500 GT on yachts in any operating area
✓	Watchkeeper Deck on yachts of <3000 GT in any operating area
✓	Able Seafarer – deck duties or functions
✓	If endorsed, Master duties or functions on yachts <200GT and <24m long in any operating area

How do I get this certificate?

To obtain a **Master <500 GT (Yachts) CoC** you will need to hold:

- A Watchkeeper <3000 GT (Yachts) CoC, or
- Any certificate AMSA considers equivalent to the above.
- Complete at least 12 months sea service as an officer in charge of a navigation watch on vessels ≥ 12 metres, while holding:
 - A valid certificate from the list above, of which:
 - At least 4 months served on vessels ≥ 20 metres, and
 - At least 4 months served on voyages of at least 24 hours duration.
- Complete an AMSA approved course of study from an AMSA approved registered training organisation for a **Master <500 GT (Yachts)**.
- Complete the following approved STCW short courses:
 - Basic Safety Training course, which includes Security Awareness training.
 - Advanced Fire Fighting.
 - Medical Care on board vessels.
- Hold the following valid certificates:
 - Certificate in Proficiency in Survival Craft and Rescue Boats other than Fast Rescue Boats.
 - Certificate of Proficiency as ECDIS trained.
 - GMDSS Radio Operators Certificate.
 - AMSA Certificate of Medical Fitness.

- Pass an AMSA oral examination.

Yacht means a vessel that:

- Is less than 3000GT; and
- Is commercial use for sport or pleasure; and
- Does not carry cargo; and
- Does not carry more than 12 passengers.

A yacht need not be designed to carry sail and may be a training vessel, a sail training vessel or a short ranger yacht provided they are not designed to carry cargo.

How do I keep this certificate?

To revalidate your certificate you must:

- Hold a valid:
 - AMSA Certificate of Medical Fitness.
 - GMDSS Radio Operators Certificate or GMDSS CoR.
- Have seagoing service performing functions appropriate to the certificate you hold, for a period of at least:
 - 12 months in total during the preceding 5 years before application, or
 - 3 months in total during the preceding 6 months prior to revalidating, or
 - Have completed an approved revalidation course appropriate for your certificate within 5 years before applying to revalidate, or

- d) Have completed an oral exam and approved short courses that AMSA considers equivalent, or
- e) Have performed duties and functions and approved courses that AMSA considers equivalent.

On completion of the seagoing service, you should:

- Obtain a letter(s) from your employer(s) confirming sea service and stating that you have actively participated in the mandatory abandon ship and fire drills required by SOLAS as well as scheduled drills required by the on board Safety Management System. A copy of the letter should be submitted with the application (you should keep the original).
- Provide written evidence of performing radio service in a seagoing ship fully fitted with GMDSS equipment for sea area A3 of at least 12 months in total within the preceding 5 years, or 3 months in total during the preceding 6 months prior to revalidation. This should be written on company letterhead paper and includes the following details:
 - Ship particulars - the name, IMO number, MMSI number, ship type(s), Gross Tonnage.
 - The rank served on board.
 - The dates served on board the ship.
 - That the ship was fitted with a full GMDSS station (sea area A3).
 - That the applicant operated the equipment on a regular basis.
- Or have performed functions relating to the category of GMDSS Certificate held which are considered by AMSA to be at least equivalent to the seagoing service required.
- Complete continued competence training for the STCW short courses in Advanced Fire Fighting and Fire and Proficiency in Survival Craft and Rescue Craft other than Fast Rescue Boats in the previous 5 years (refer to MO 74 Schedule 4).

Please note: There are three types of continued competence courses. Please ensure you complete the continued competence for deck / engineer officers and chief integrated ratings.

If you **DO NOT HAVE** at least the specified seagoing service mentioned above, you will be required to complete the STCW short courses Advance Fire Fighting and Proficiency in Survival Craft and Rescue Craft other than Fast Rescue Boats in full and one of the revalidation options c, d or e shown above.

How to apply for a CoC – Initial Issue / Revalidation (select as required)

Lodge an application at Australia Post:

- Complete a CoC application form 419 online or download a pdf version and then complete it.
- Complete all sections of the form.
- Download a pdf version of the form to generate your barcode.
- Print the form.
- 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.

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

Please note:

- All certificates and training must comply with STCW;
- All training courses and training programs must be approved by AMSA; and
- All sea service must be documented qualifying sea service.

Progress of application

If you submit an incomplete application, AMSA will contact you for further information. If you fail to provide the requested information within 60 days, AMSA will consider and decide your application on the information available. This may result in AMSA deciding to cancel the application.

More Information

Seafarer Certification Guidance containing additional information on CoC, sea service 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.

Previous documents found to be in conflict with this document (or parts thereof) will be updated or withdrawn at the earliest opportunity.