



Fact Sheet SEAFARER CERTIFICATIONS

Master <3000 GT (Yachts)

The following provides a summary of the requirements for a **Master <3000 GT (Yachts) Certificate of Competency**. 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 on yachts** of <3000 GT in any operating area or
- **Watchkeeper Deck Officer on yachts** of <3000 GT in any operating area.

How do I get this certificate?

To obtain a **Master <3000 GT (Yachts) Certificate of Competency** you will need to:

- Hold:
 - **A Master <500 GT (Yachts) Certificate of Competency**, or
 - Any certificate AMSA considers equivalent to the above.
- Complete at least 24 months sea service as an officer in charge of a navigation watch on vessels ≥12 metres, while holding:

Any of the following certificates:

- Watchkeeper Deck <3000 GT (Yachts)
- Master <500 GT (Yachts)
- Chief Mate <3000 GT (Yachts)
- Any certificate AMSA considers equivalent to the above

Of which:

- At least 8 months served on vessels ≥20 metres.

You will also need to:

- Complete an AMSA approved course of study from an AMSA approved seafarer training organisation for a **Master <500 GT (Yachts)**.
- Complete the following approved STCW short courses:
 - 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, and an
 - AMSA Certificate of Medical Fitness.
- Pass an AMSA oral examination.

How do I keep this certificate?

To revalidate your certificate you must:

- Hold a valid:
 - AMSA Certificate of Medical Fitness; and
 - GMDSS Radio Operators Certificate or GMDSS Certificate of Recognition.
- Have completed of the course – Security Awareness Training (please note, this training needs only be completed once in a seafarers career and does not need to be repeated); and
- Have seagoing service performing functions appropriate to the certificate you hold, for a period of at least:
 - a) 12 months in total during the preceding 5 years before application; or
 - b) 3 months in total during the preceding 6 months prior to revalidating.or

- c) 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 (see sample template letter). The original or certified true copy of the letter should be submitted with the application. If you submitted an original letter, you should keep a Certified true copy; and
- complete continued competence refresher training for the STCW short courses in Advanced Fire Fighting and Survival Craft and Rescue Boats other than Fast Rescue Boats in the previous 5 years (refer to MO 74 Schedule 4).

If you DO NOT HAVE at least the specified seagoing service mentioned above, you will be required to complete the Full STCW short courses in Advanced Fire Fighting and Survival Craft and Rescue Boats other than Fast Rescue Boats and one of the revalidation options c, d or e shown above within 5 years, before applying to revalidate.

Note 1: All continued competence refresher courses are valid for up to 5 years and may only be used once for revalidation purposes.

Where can I go from here?

With additional sea service and completion of an approved program of study you could gain a:

- Certificate of Competency Master <3000 GT (Yachts).

For contact details of AMSA approved seafarer training organisations please visit the AMSA website - www.amsa.gov.au/forms-and-publications/fact-sheets/amsa1590.pdf