



Certificate of Competency Coxswain

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The Coxswain Certificate of Competency is a combined Command /Engineer certificate which entitles the holder to:

- command a vessel less than 10 metres in length (less than 12 metres with exemption), up to Inshore Limits; and
- to perform the duty of engineer on a vessel with engines less than 250 kW, up to Inshore Limits.

Requirements to obtain certificate of competency: *(check that you meet the requirements in the order as numbered below)*

1	Age	18 Years
2	Eyesight Test	Required on DoT form (valid for 2 years). <i>To be presented if submitting sea service for assessment.</i>
3	Medical	Declaration of Medical Fitness DoT form (valid for 2 years). <i>NOTE: It is recommended eyesight/ medical tests be done before registering for any courses. DoT shall not issue a certificate if the minimum standards are not met.</i>
4	Sea Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 months approved sea service. Sea service should be on small vessels less than 24 metres. • Commercial sea service can be logged in a DoT sea service log book, signed by the Master or Owner of the vessel, or recreational sea service must be supported by a DoT Statutory Declaration.
5	Sea Service Conditions	Sea service can be either commercial or recreational or a combination of both. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50% of the total service shall be within the last 5 years. • 50% of the sea service shall be beyond sheltered waters, where this condition is not met a restricted certificate will be issued that limits service as a Master
6	Training	You must have successfully completed (within the last 5 years) an approved course for Coxswain with a DoT approved Registered Training Organisation including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marine Radio Operator's Certificate of Proficiency • Current Senior First Aid Evidence of successful completion is required.
7	DoT Oral Examination	You will be required to book an oral examination with DoT when items 1 to 6 of this document are completed and sighted by DoT. Oral examinations are conducted in English.

Additional information:

- All documents submitted must be originals or certified copies.
- DoT fees to be paid on submission of sea time.
- Revalidation of Coxswain certificate is required 5 years from date of issue.
- Self declared sea service will not be accepted.
- Incorrectly completed forms will be returned resulting in the delay of sea service assessment or issue of certificates of competency.
- The completion of a ROPES (Record of Practical Experience & Sea Service) book may reduce the sea service requirement up to 50%.

Definitions:

Inshore Limits	Operations within a limit of 15 nautical miles to seaward of the coast but not more than 30 nautical miles from a safe anchorage.
Sheltered Waters	Gazetted Smooth and Partially Smooth Waters