



Certificate of Competency Master Class 5 (Fishing and/ or Trading)

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This certificate entitles the holder to be master of a fishing or trading vessel (as per certificate issued):

- less than 20 metres in length up to offshore limits (within 100 nautical miles). (Vessel less than 24 metres within 200 nm with exemption);
- second in command and officer in charge of a navigation watch, of seagoing vessels of less than 80 metres in length engaged in operations up to Inshore limits (15 nm from mainland coast); or
- second in command and officer in charge of a navigation watch, of seagoing vessels of less than 35 metres in length engaged in operations up to ACMW limit (within 600nm).

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

1	Minimum Age	19 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 that eyesight/ medical tests be done before registering for any courses. DoT shall not issue a certificate if minimum standards are not met.</i>
4	Sea Service	30 months qualifying sea service
5	Sea Service Conditions	All sea service must be on vessels over 3,5 metres in length: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 months of the total sea service shall be within the last 5 years on vessels less than 35m in length; and • 12 months of which shall be in vessels greater than 8 metres in length; • 15 months on a commercial vessel; • 3 months of the qualifying sea service must be served on a trading vessel (survey class 1 or 2) if trading certificate is required or fishing vessel (class 3) for fishing certificate. This service must be on vessels of less than 35 metres in length and obtained within the preceding 5 years; • 50% of sea service shall be beyond the limits of sheltered and inshore waters, where this condition is not met a restricted certificate will be issued; • Up to 15 months can be service gained on a recreational vessel. Sea service must be logged in a DoT sea service book and must be signed by the Master or Owner of the vessels for time spent at sea. If you have not completed a DoT sea service book you will be required to provide DoT Statutory Declarations.
6	Training	You must have successfully completed (within the last 5 years) the approved course for Master Class 5 conducted by 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. 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 service.
- A current AMSA deck medical will be accepted in lieu of DoT eyesight test and medical form.
- Revalidation of Master Class 5 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 the issue of certificate of competency.
- The completion of a ROPES (Record of Practical Experience and sea Service) book may reduce the sea service requirement up to 50%.