



GUIDANCE NOTICE

STCW endorsement for Engineer Class 3 and Master <80m NC

This Industry Guidance Notice provides information for seafarers seeking to perform the duties of their approved certificate of competency with reference to the STCW. The additional requirements for Near Coastal Diploma level certificates of competency are outlined below.

Note: Certificate of Safety Training (CoST) and Advanced Fire Certificates must remain valid for the duration of the STCW endorsement.

Diploma of Engineer Class 3 Near Coastal (MAR- Maritime Training Package)

For a candidate enrolled in the MAR Maritime Training Package, Diploma of Engineering Class 3 Near Coastal (NC) the following requirements need to be met before being issued with an **Engineer Class 3 (STCW III/3) NC** certificate of competency:

- Be at least 18 years old before the STCW endorsement can be issued;
- Hold a Diploma (Marine Engineering Class 3 Near Coastal) from the MAR Maritime Training Package issued by an AMSA approved training organisation;
- Hold a Certificate of Safety Training (STCW Reg VI/1) issued by AMSA;
- Hold a current Advanced Fire Fighting Certificate (STCW Reg VI/3) issued by a training organisation approved under *Marine Order 70 (Seafarer certification) 2014*;
- Hold a first aid certificate of at least HLT Health Training Package unit of competency *Provide first aid* or another certificate that the national regulator considers to be equivalent;
- Provide Evidence of sea service accrual in the form of a:
 - Record of Sea Service (AMSA form 560); or any of the following,

- A declaration in a form acceptable to the National Regulator,
- An approved sea service log book or task book; and
- A letter from the operator, owner, master or chief engineer of a vessel detailing the applicants sea service;
- Provide a certified copy of either:
 - Marine Engine Driver Grade 1 (NC) certificate of competency, or
 - workshop skill equivalent qualification, or
 - MO72 Engineer Watchkeeper certificate of competency;
- Provide a Certificate of Medical Fitness for a Marine Qualification (AMSA form 559);
- Provide an Eyesight (Vision and Colour-Vision) Test Certificate (AMSA form 542);
- Pass a final assessment;
 - Including Leadership training (Table A-III/2 Table)
 - *Use of leadership and managerial skill*, as per relevant Part D Skills and Knowledge tables (Leadership and Management)
- Provide proof of identity, including photographs (2);
- Complete an application for a Certificate of Competency; (AMSA form 534) including details of endorsements applied for;
- Pay fee/s.

Existing Engineer Class 3 (USL, NC, course not under MAR Maritime Training Package)

Seafarers already holding an existing Engineer Class 3 (USL) or Near Coastal certificate through a course other than the MAR Maritime Training Package, Diploma of Marine Operations (Marine Engineering Class 3 Near Coastal) will need to complete all the

following requirements to be eligible to transition to the **Engineer Class 3 (STCW III/3) NC** certificate of competency:

- Be at least 18 years old before the STCW endorsement can be issued;
- Complete the Engineer Class 3 NC AMSA approved task book, April 2014 version;
 - Task book to be supplied by and signed off by the National Regulator
- Hold a Certificate of Safety Training (STCW Reg VI/1) issued by AMSA;
- Hold an Advanced Fire Fighting Certificate (STCW Reg VI/3) issued by a training organisation approved under *Marine Order 70 (Seafarer certification) 2014*;
- Hold a first aid certificate of at least HLT Health Training Package unit of competency *Provide first aid* or another certificate that the National Regulator considers to be equivalent;
- Provide a Certificate of Medical Fitness for a Marine Qualification (AMSA form 559);
- Provide an Eyesight test (Colour Vision and Vision) certificate (AMSA 542 Form);
- Pass a final assessment;
 - This assessment will cover the National Law and Table A-III/2 Table - *Use of leadership and managerial skills* as per the relevant Part D Skills and Knowledge tables (Leadership and Management)
- Proof of identity including photographs (2);
- Application for a Certificate of Competency (AMSA form 534) including details of endorsements applied for;
- Pay fee/s.

Diploma of Master <80m Near Coastal (MAR- Maritime Training Package)

For a candidate enrolled in the MAR Maritime Training Package, Diploma of Master <80m Near Coastal (NC)

the following requirements will need to be completed and approved to be issued with a **Master <80 m (Master <500 GT STCW Reg II/3) NC** certificate of competency:

- Be at least 18 years old before the STCW endorsement can be issued;
- Hold a Diploma of Maritime Operations (Master up to 80 metres Near Coastal) from the MAR Maritime Training Package issued by an AMSA approved training organisation;
- Hold a Marine Radio Operators Certificate of Proficiency (MROCP) issued by the Australian Communications and Media Authority;
- Hold a Certificate of Safety Training (STCW Reg VI/1) issued by AMSA; and
- Hold an Advanced Fire Fighting Certificate (STCW Reg VI/3) issued by a training organisation approved under *Marine Order 70 (Seafarer certification) 2014*;
- Hold a first aid certificate of at least HLT Health Training Package unit of competency *Provide first aid* or another certificate that the national regulator considers to be equivalent;
- Provide evidence of sea service accrual in the form of a:
 - Record of Sea Service (AMSA form 560); or any of the following;
 - A declaration in a form acceptable to the National Regulator,
 - An approved sea service log book or task book; and
 - A letter from the operator, owner, master or chief engineer of a vessel detailing the applicants sea service;
- Provide a certified copy of a certificate of competency for Master <35 m (NC) or Mate <80 m (NC);
- Provide a Certificate of Medical Fitness for a Marine Qualification (AMSA form 559);

- Provide an Eyesight (Colour Vision and Vision) Test Certificate (AMSA form 542);
- Pass a Final Assessment;
 - Including Leadership training (STCW Table II/2) - *Use of leadership and managerial skill, as per relevant Part D Skills and Knowledge tables* (Leadership and Management)
- Proof of identity including photographs (2);
- Provide an application for a Certificate of Competency (AMSA form 534) including details of endorsements applied for;
- Pay fee/s.
- Note: A certificate of competency holder must hold the appropriate radio communication certificate for the equipment to be used on board (refer to NSCV Part C, 7B, section 7.3 and NSCV Part D, Schedule 1, section 1.12).

Existing Master Class 3 / Master <80m Near Coastal (USL, NC, course not under MAR-Maritime Training Package)

Seafarers already holding an existing Master Class 3/ Master <80m Near Coastal (NC) (USL, NC or any other course not under the MAR Maritime Training Package) will need to meet the following requirements to be eligible to transition to a **Master <80m (Master <500 GT STCW Reg II/3) NC** certificate of competency:

- Be at least 18 years old before the STCW endorsement can be issued;
- Complete the Master <80m NC approved task book, April 2014 version;
 - Task book to be supplied by and signed off by the National Regulator
- Hold a Certificate of Safety Training (STCW Reg VI/1) issued by AMSA;
- Hold an Advanced Fire Fighting Certificate (STCW Reg VI/3) issued by a training organisation approved under Marine Order 70 (Seafarer certification) 2014;
- Hold a first aid certificate of at least HLT Health Training Package unit of competency *Provide first*

aid or another certificate that the National Regulator considers to be equivalent;

- Pass a final assessment;
 - The assessment will cover National Law and STCW Table II/2 - *Use of leadership and managerial skill* as per the relevant Part D Skills and Knowledge tables (Leadership and Management)
- Provide a Certificate of Medical Fitness for a Marine Qualification (AMSA form 559);
- Provide an Eyesight (Colour Vision and Vision) Test Certificate (AMSA form 542);
- Proof of identity including photographs (2);
- Pay fee/s.
- Note: The certificate of competency holder must hold the appropriate radio communication certificate for the equipment to be used on board (refer to NSCV Part C, 7B, section 7.3 and NSCV Part D, Schedule 1, section 1.12).

Engineer Class 3 Near Coastal and Master <80 m Near Coastal without STCW reference

If a candidate does not apply for the STCW endorsement on a near coastal certificate of competency then the requirements in the NSCV Part D must be met. There is no requirement for Engineer Class 3 NC and Master <80m NC to hold a valid Certificate of Safety Training (STCW Reg VI/1) or valid Advanced Fire Fighting (STCW Reg VI/3).

Revalidating an existing endorsement on a State or Territory issued certificate of competency

For applicants who hold an existing STCW endorsement issued by AMSA on a State or Territory issued certificate of competency, the following requirements must be met to have the endorsement revalidated up to 31 December 2016.

Master <80m (Master <500 GT STCW Reg II/3) NC

- For a Master Class 3 to be issued a **Master <80m (Master <500 GT STCW Reg II/3) NC** the candidate needs to meet all of the renewal (revalidation)

requirements for the certificate of competency in addition to the following:

- Satisfy the requirements to hold a Certificate of Safety Training (STCW Reg VI/1) issued by AMSA; and
 - Hold an Advanced Fire Fighting Certificate (STCW Reg VI/3) issued by a training organisation approved under *Marine Order 70 (Seafarer certification) 2014*.
- Note: (Master <80m NC) a certificate of competency holder must hold the appropriate radio communication certificate for the equipment to be used on board (refer to NSCV Part C, 7B, section 7.3 and NSCV Part D, Schedule 1, section 1.12).

Engineer Class 3 (STCW III/3) NC

- For an Engineer Class 3 to be issued an **Engineer Class 3 (STCW III/3) NC** the candidate needs to meet all of the renewal (revalidation) requirements for the certificate of competency in addition to the following:
 - Satisfy the requirements to hold a Certificate of Safety Training (STCW Reg VI/1) issued by AMSA; and
 - Hold an Advanced Fire Fighting Certificate (STCW Reg VI/3) issued by a training organisation approved under *Marine Order 70 (Seafarer certification) 2014*.

Progression of Certificates

Once candidates have been issued with either of the above certificates of competency and choose to progress to Watchkeeper Deck, Watchkeeper Deck <500 GT, Master <500 GT, Master <24m FG, Chief Mate <3000 GT or Engineer Watchkeeper or Class 2 Engineer the following additional requirements must be satisfied in accordance with Marine Order 70, 71 and 72:

- Complete all required STCW short courses and STCW Diploma or Advanced Diploma course requirements.
- Hold a Marine Order 9, Certificate of Medical Fitness;

- Satisfy the sea service requirements;
- For deck officers, hold a GMDSS radio operators certificate;
- For applicants applying for an Engineer Watchkeeper certificate of competency, complete an Engineering Training Record Book;
- Pass an AMSA final assessment of the appropriate level.

Future considerations

AMSA is considering the level of interest and the additional training and certification requirements for extending the STCW endorsement to Certificate 4 level, Master <35m NC and Marine Engine Driver Grade 1 NC in the future.

More information

Industry Guidance Notices and STCW Fact Sheets containing more information on approved training organisation locations, certificates of competency, sea service requirements and task books, can be obtained from the Australian Maritime Safety Authority website at www.amsa.gov.au and from state and territory marine safety agencies.

Note

If there is an inconsistency between this document and previously issued documents about the subject matter, this document supersedes advice conveyed 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.