

Marine Information Bulletin

Temporary recognition of overseas boat licences

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Some overseas boat licences held by international visitors will be temporarily recognised for use in Queensland. International visitors who intend to become residents must obtain an equivalent Queensland or interstate boat licence after three months of either arriving in Australia or obtaining their resident visa.

Recreational marine driver licence

Overseas Licences	
Austria	
International Certificate for Operators of Pleasure Craft Res. 40 12/02/2010 EU Y	EU
Canada	
Canadian Pleasure Craft Operator Card (after 1999)	Ca
Canadian Yachting Association (Advanced Cruising Standard)	Ca
Canadian Yachting Association (Basic Cruising Standard)	Ca
Canadian Yachting Association (Basic Power Commercial Endorsement)	Ca
Canadian Yachting Association (Basic Power Commercial Endorsement)	Ca
Canadian Yachting Association (Basic Powerboat Standard)	Ca
Canadian Yachting Association (Intermediate Cruising Standard)	Ca
Canadian Yachting Association (Intermediate Powerboat Standard)	Ca
International Sail and Power Association (Advanced Navigator Certificate)	Ca
International Sail and Power Association (Advanced Skipper Certificate)	Ca
International Sail and Power Association (Coastal Skipper Certificate)	Ca
International Sail and Power Association (Offshore Navigator (Celestial) Certificate)	Ca
International Sail and Power Association (Offshore Skipper Certificate)	Ca
International Sail and Power Association (Yachtmaster Coastal Certificate)	Ca
International Sail and Power Association (Yachtmaster Offshore Certificate)	Ca
International Yacht Training (International Bareboat Skipper [Sail or Power]) Must have completed all of International Crew Certificate + Watchkeeper + Bareboat Skipper	Ca

China, Republic of (Hong Kong)	
Coxswain Grade 1 Certificate	HK
Coxswain Grade 2 Certificate	HK
Coxswain Grade 3 Certificate	HK
Pleasure Vessel Operator (Grade 1 & 2 after 01/12/2006)	HK
Croatia, Republic of	
Boat Leader's Licence of Competency	Cr
International Certificate for Operators of Pleasure Craft Res. 40 12/02/2010	EU
Czech Republic	
Certificate of Competence Yacht master (Prukaz Zpusobilosti K Vedenei Namorni Jachty)	EU
International Certificate for Operators of Pleasure Craft Res. 40 12/02/2010	EU
Europe	
Certificate of Competence Helmsman's Overseas Certificate of Competence	EU
International Certificate for Operators of Pleasure Craft Res. 40 12/02/2010	EU
International Certificate of Competency	EU
Finland	
International Certificate for Operators of Pleasure Craft Res. 40 12/02/2010	EU
France	
Capitaine 200	Fr
Capitaine Yacht 200	Fr
La Cart Mer Chef Du Quartier des Affaires Maritimes de Pete	Fr
Le Permis Mer Côtier	Fr
Permis de Conduire en Mer les Navires de Plaisance a Moteur	Fr
Permis de Conduire Les Bateaux de Plaisance a Moteur	Fr
Germany (Bundesrepublik Deutschland)	
International Certificate for Operators of Pleasure Craft Res. 40 12/02/2010	EU
Sportboot Führerschein (German Sportsboat Operator)	D
Yachten - Führerschein (German Yacht Operator)	D
Holland (Netherlands)	
International Certificate for Operators of Pleasure Craft Res. 40 12/02/2010	EU
Ireland	
Irish Sailing Association Advanced Powerboat Certificate	EU
Irish Sailing Association Dive Boat Coxswains Certificate	EU
Irish Sailing Association National Powerboat Certificate	EU
Irish Sailing Association Recreational Powerboat Certificate	EU

Irish Sailing Association Safety Boat Certificate	EU
ISA International Certificate for Operators of Pleasure Craft Res. 40 12/02/2010	EU
Israel	
Department of Small Craft - Small Craft Authorisation Certification Grade 20; 21; 30; 40; 50 and 60	IL
Italy	
Patente Di Abilitazione Al Comando Di Unita Da Diporto Skipper's Ticket up to 24m without shore limits (Ocean Yachtmaster Level)	ITA
Patente Di Abilitazione per le Imbarcazioni Da Diporto Translates as: Recreational Boat License/Permit/Qualification	ITA
Japan	
Certificate of Competency as First Mate of the First Grade	Ja
Lithuania	
International Certificate for Operators of Pleasure Craft Res. 40 12/02/2010	EU
Luxembourg	
International Certificate for Operators of Pleasure Craft Res. 40 12/02/2010	EU
Mauritius, Republic of	
Competency Test for Skippers	Mu
Pleasure Craft Skipper Licence	Mu
Mediterranean Cruising Association	
Certificate of Competence The Helmsman's (Overseas) Certificate of Competence (Skipper)	EU
MCA The Mediterranean Cruising Association Certificate of Competence	UK
New Zealand	
NZ Boat master Certificate Course with Gold Star Stamp (100hrs) or 100hrs stamp imprinted	NZ
NZ Certificate of Competency as Chief Mate	NZ
NZ Certificate of Competency as Commercial Launch master	NZ
NZ Certificate of Competency as Inshore Fishing Skipper	NZ
NZ Certificate of Competency as Inshore Launch master	NZ
NZ Certificate of Competency as Local Launch Operator	NZ
NZ Certificate of Competency as Master (yacht < 500gt.)	NZ
NZ Certificate of Competency as Master (yacht)	NZ
NZ Certificate of Competency as Qualified Fishing Deckhand	NZ
NZ Certificate of Competency as Skipper of a Coastal Fishing Boat	NZ
NZ Certificate of Competency Master of Pleasure Yacht Coastal	NZ
NZ Coastal Skipper	NZ
NZ Day Skipper Certificate Course plus practical boat assessment	NZ

NZ NauticEd Bareboat Charter Master Levels II; III; IV and V (with Verified Proficiency Mark) This certificate can be delivered in many overseas countries	NZ
NZ NauticEd Captain Levels II; III; IV and V (with Verified Proficiency Mark) This certificate can be delivered in many overseas countries	NZ
NZ NauticEd Skipper Levels II; III; IV and V (with Verified Proficiency Mark) This certificate can be delivered in many overseas countries	NZ
NZ Ocean Yacht master	NZ
RNZ Coast Guard Federation (Inc.) Master of a Pleasure Yacht -Ocean (Certificate of Competency)	NZ
Poland	
Polish Motor Boat and Water Ski Association Certificate of Motor Boat Helmsman Polski Zwiasek Motorowodny Narciarstwa Wodnego Sternika Motorowodnego	PI
Polish Yachting Association Certificate of Ocean-Going Yacht Master Polski Zwiasek Zeglarski Jachtowego Kapitana Zeglugi Wielkiej	PI
Portugal	
Carta de Navegado de Recreio (Yachtmaster's Licence)	Pt
Certificate of Competency (Fishing) Cedula de Inscricao Maitima	Pt
Romania	
International Certificate for Operators of Pleasure Craft Res. 40 12/02/2010	
Royal Yachting Association	
RYA Advanced Power Boat Certificate	EU
RYA Advanced Power Boat Instructor Certificate	EU
RYA Coastal Skipper	EU
RYA Competent Crew (Sail Only)	EU
RYA Day Skipper (Both Theory and Practical)	EU
RYA Intermediate Power Boat Certificate	EU
RYA Motor Cruising Scheme. Code: G18/03	EU
RYA National Powerboat Certificate Level II (Conducted at Royal Navy HMS establishments)	EU
RYA National Powerboat Certificate Level II	EU
RYA Power Boat Instructor Certificate	EU
RYA Powerboating/Old Sports boat (Using E.U. Resolution 40) Code: G20/---	EU
RYA Sail Cruising and Yachtmaster Code: G1504	EU
RYA/MCA Yachtmaster Offshore Certificate of Competence	EU
Singapore, Republic of	
Powered Pleasure Craft Driving Licence (Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore)	RS
Slovakia	
International Certificate for Operators of Pleasure Craft Res. 40 12/02/2010	EU
South Africa	
Canoe South Africa	RA

Certificate of Competency as Deck Officer Dept. of South Africa	RA
Certificate of Competency Category's A-D and R Day Skipper Limited. Code: SAMSA	RA
Cruising Association of South Africa [Coastal Skipper]	RA
Cruising Association of South Africa [Yacht Skipper (Local Waters)]	RA
Cruising Association of South Africa [Yachtmaster Ocean]	RA
Cruising Association of South Africa [Yachtmaster Offshore]	RA
National Sea Rescue Institute of South Africa	RA
Power Boat South Africa	RA
Ski-Boat from Certificate of Competency via Department of Transport SA	RA
South African Anglers' Union Certificate of Competency (Ski-Boat) (Terminated Operation Certificate still recognised)	RA
South African Deep Sea Angling Association	RA
South African Inflatable Boat Association	RA
South African Institute for Skippers	RA
South African Police Service (Water Wing)	RA
South African Sailing Academy [Coastal Skipper]	RA
South African Sailing Academy [Yacht Skipper (Local Waters)]. Code: SAMSA R. 500	RA
South African Sailing Academy [Yachtmaster Ocean]	RA
South African Sailing Academy [Yachtmaster Offshore]	RA
South African Small Craft Association [National Small Power-driven Vessel Certificate of Competence]	RA
South African Underwater Union	RA
Yachtmaster Coastal Certificate of Competency for Motor Vessels [Professional Yachtmaster Training, Durban Association with International Yachtmaster Training (Inc.), Fort Lauderdale, Florida, USA]	RA
Yachtmaster Coastal Certificate of Competency for Sailing Vessels (Professional Yachtmaster Training, Durban Association with International Yachtmaster Training (Inc.), Fort Lauderdale, Florida, USA]	RA
Spain	
Spain Patron De Embarcaciones De Recreo	EU
Sweden	
Swedish Diploma (Coastal Yacht master Diploma) [Kustskepparintyg] Se Y	Se
Sweden	
International Certificate for Operators of Pleasure Craft Res. 40 12/02/2010	EU
Switzerland	
International Certificate for Operators of Pleasure Craft Res. 40 12/02/2010 EU Y	EU

Sailing School Rorschach Switzerland (Yacht master's certificate) CH Y	CH
Schweizerische Eidgenossenschaft (International certificate of pleasure craft operations) CH Y	CH
Schweizerischer Schiffs/ Uhrerauswels Motorboot (A-Schein) Switzerlan Motor Boat Licence	CH
United Kingdom	
Boat master's Licence (U.K. Dept. of Transport)	UK
British Water Ski Federation: Ski Boat Driver Award (Meets RYA Level III and Res. 40 I.C.C.)	UK/EU
BSAC/CDA Approved Boat handling Instructor	UK
BSAC/CDA Boat Handling Seamanship for Divers	UK
BSAC/CDA Diver Coxswain	UK
Certificate of Competency as Master of a Pleasure Yacht (Coastal) issued by Ministry of Transport UK	UK
Certificate of Competency as Master of Foreign Going Vessel	UK
Department of Transport Boatman's Licence 1993 onwards	UK
MCA Master of Yachts 200 Tons Limited	UK
MCA The Mediterranean Cruising Association Certificate of Competence	UK
Royal National Lifeboat Institution: Atlantic 21/75 lifeboat course UK Y	UK
UK Maritime and Coastguard Agency, Seafarer Standards Branch [The Merchant Shipping (Training and Certification) Regulations 1997] Officer of the Watch; Chief Mate	UK
United States of America	
American Sailing Association Advance Keelboat Sailing Course	USA
American Sailing Association Advanced Coastal Cruising Course	USA
American Sailing Association Basic Coastal Cruising Course	USA
American Sailing Association Basic Keelboat Sailing Course	USA
Department of Interior Motorboat Operator Certificate Course (Florida International University) USA Y	USA
Ocean Masters Sailing Academy (Yacht master) USA Y	USA
United States Coast Guard (U.S. Merchant Marine Officer) USA Y	USA
United States Coast Guard Merchant Mariner Credential (MMC) Master < 100 tons USA Y	USA
Yacht master Coastal Certificate of Competency for Motor Vessels [International	USA

Yacht master Training (Inc.), Fort Lauderdale, Florida, USA] USA Y	
Yacht master Coastal Certificate of Competency for Sailing Vessels [International Yacht master Training (Inc.), Fort Lauderdale, Florida, USA] USA Y	USA

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Personal water craft (PWC) licence

Overseas Licences	
United States of America	
Boating Safety Education Course	Utah
Boating Safety Certificate	New York
Proof of Course Completion	Maine
Thrill Craft Operators Certification	Hawaii
Certificate of Completion	Virgin Islands
Certificate of Personal Watercraft Operations	Connecticut
Spain	
Moto Nautical Pattern 'C' (Patron de Moto Nautica 'C') (less than 55Hp)	
Moto Nautical Pattern 'B' (Patron de Moto Nautica 'B') (from 55 to less than 110Hp)	
Moto Nautical Pattern 'A' (Patron de Moto Nautica 'A') (110Hp and over)	
Royal Yachting Association Certificates	
RYA Personal Watercraft Certificate of Proficiency	EU

Availability

For more information, please visit the Maritime Safety Queensland website at www.msq.qld.gov.au to access the list of recognised overseas licences.

Information

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