



Coastal Pilotage

This notice is to remind masters, owners and operators of the coastal pilotage requirements within the Great Barrier Reef and Torres Strait, as specified by Marine Orders Part 54 - Coastal Pilotage.

A coastal pilot is required for any vessel:

- (a) that is 70 metres or longer in length overall; or
- (b) that is a loaded:
 - (i) oil tanker; or
 - (ii) chemical carrier; or
 - (iii) liquefied gas carrier.

Coastal pilots may be licenced for one or more of the following areas:

- Hydrographers Passage
- Inner Route
- Great North East Channel
- Whitsundays

Masters may choose to utilize a coastal pilot's local knowledge and take their advice outside of the licenced pilotage areas. However, this does not relieve the master of the responsibility for the conduct and navigation of the ship.¹

Masters or owners may apply to AMSA for coastal pilotage exemptions under the provisions of Marine Orders Part 54.

Licensed Pilotage Areas

(1) Hydrographers Passage pilotage area means the area bounded by a line that progressively joins, on geodesic lines, the following points:

Point	Latitude	Longitude
1	20° 39.11' S	149° 49.36' E
2	20° 35.91' S	150° 07.36' E
3	20° 28.31' S	150° 18.06' E
4	20° 02.91' S	150° 03.06' E
5	19° 54.91' S	150° 16.56' E
6	19° 39.91' S	150° 10.56' E

7	19° 50.91' S	150° 33.06' E
8	20° 01.41' S	150° 25.86' E
9	20° 06.91' S	150° 17.26' E
10	20° 19.91' S	150° 27.06' E
11	20° 32.91' S	150° 27.06' E
12	20° 41.51' S	150° 11.66' E
13	20° 54.41' S	150° 01.96' E
14	20° 39.11' S	149° 49.36' E

(2) The Inner Route pilotage area means the waters bounded by:

- (a) the Australian mainland; and
- (b) the outer eastern edge of the Great Barrier Reef;² and
- (c) the northern boundary of the Great Barrier Reef Region that is latitude 10° 41.00' S;³ and
- (d) latitude 16° 39.91' S; and
- (e) Torres Strait, excluding the waters north of latitude 10° 28.00' S and east of longitude 142° 39.00' E.

(3) Torres Strait means the waters bounded:

- (a) on the south:
 - by latitude 10° 41.00' S; and
- (b) on the east:
 - (i) for a ship moving eastward — by longitude 143° 22.00' E; or
 - (ii) for any other ship — by longitude 143° 24.00' E; and
- (c) on the north:
 - by the line of Australia's exclusive economic zone; and
- (d) on the west:
 - (i) for a ship of less than 8 m draught moving eastward — by longitude 142° 05.00' E; or
 - (ii) for a ship of 8 m draught or more moving eastward — by longitude 141° 50.00' E; or
 - (iii) for a ship moving westward — by longitude 141° 51.70' E

(4) **Great North East Channel pilotage area** means the area bounded by a line that progressively joins, on geodesic lines, the following points:

<i>Point</i>	<i>Latitude</i>	<i>Longitude</i>
1	10° 41.0' S	141° 50.0' E
2	10° 28.0' S	141° 50.0' E
3	10° 28.0' S	142° 27.0' E
4	10° 18.0' S	142° 48.0' E
5	9° 48.0' S	143° 08.0' E
6	9° 30.0' S	143° 24.0' E
7	9° 45.0' S	143° 24.0' E
8	10° 20.0' S	143° 00.0' E
9	10° 41.0' S	141° 50.0' E

(5) **The Whitsundays pilotage area** means the area bounded by a line that begins at the northernmost point of Cape Gloucester at low water, at about latitude 20° 03.94' S, longitude 148° 27.51' E, and continues progressively:

(a) on geodesic lines to the following points:

<i>Point</i>	<i>Latitude</i>	<i>Longitude</i>
1	19° 58.02' S	148° 18.60' E
2	19° 57.83' S	148° 18.53' E
3	19° 58.00' S	148° 21.68' E
4	19° 58.28' S	148° 27.05' E
5	19° 58.37' S	148° 27.40' E
6	19° 59.28' S	148° 33.62' E
7	20° 00.82' S	148° 37.48' E
8	20° 02.17' S	148° 53.07' E
9	20° 03.58' S	148° 57.92' E
10	20° 14.42' S	149° 10.47' E
11	20° 15.20' S	149° 11.15' E
12	20° 28.93' S	149° 08.03' E
13	20° 31.20' S	149° 09.07' E
14	20° 34.28' S	149° 10.50' E
15	20° 33.91' S	149° 07.06' E
16	20° 39.73' S	148° 45.82' E;

and

(b) west along the parallel of latitude 20° 39.73' S to the coastline of the mainland at low water, near Midge Point; and

(c) generally northerly, easterly, south-easterly and north-westerly along the coastline of the mainland at low water to the point where the boundary began.⁴

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¹ *Navigation Act 1912* section 410B

² The outer eastern edge of the Great Barrier Reef is depicted on official nautical charts produced by the Australian Hydrographic Service (AHS).

³ The Great Barrier Reef Region is defined in the *Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Act 1975*.

⁴ The Whitsundays compulsory pilotage area is defined in the *Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Regulations 1983*.