



Marine Notice 18/2013

Changes to the method of applying for an AMSA issued STCW qualification, other documents and oral examinations

Purpose

The purpose of this Marine Notice is to draw the attention of ship operators, masters, officers and ratings, seafarer training organisations and marine pilots to a new method of applying for certificates and/or endorsements issued, revalidated or replaced in accordance with the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers 1978, as amended (STCW) and Marine Order 3. The new method will include an application for Compass Adjusters Licences and Australian Seafarer's Service Books as well as the booking of an AMSA oral examination.

New application method

The new application method commences on 28 November 2013 and involves the use of a web based interactive application form, AMSA 419, that when completed may either be submitted directly to AMSA (i.e. the existing method) or at a participating Australia Post retail outlet, the location of which may be found at auspost.com.au or by telephoning 13 POST (or 13 76 78). During the transition period of four (4) months (to 30 March 2014) an applicant may use either application method.

From 31 March 2014 all applications submitted within Australia must be lodged at a participating Australia Post retail outlet.

Non-resident seafarers applying from outside Australia will continue to send their applications directly to AMSA Canberra for processing.

The interactive application form is designed to be intuitive and will have drop-down menus to assist the applicant in completing the form. An Information Guide will be available, which will assist the applicant to complete and lodge the form.

At the time of submitting the completed application at Australia Post the applicant will be required to pay the relevant fee for the qualification and, at no cost to the applicant, allow Australia Post to take a passport quality photograph of them.

The application form, AMSA 419, and the associated Information Guide will be available on the AMSA website www.amsa.gov.au from 28 November 2013.

Near Coastal Qualifications

Please note that these arrangements do not apply to applications for domestic commercial vessel qualifications under the National Law. Applications for National Law qualifications must be lodged with AMSA's delegates in a State or Territory Marine Safety Agency. Agency contact details are as follows:

NT: www.transport.nt.gov.au/safety/marine/national-regulators

NSW: www.maritime.nsw.gov.au/

QLD: www.msq.qld.gov.au/About-us.aspx

SA: www.sa.gov.au/subject/Transport,+travel+and+motorin+g/Boating+and+marine/Commercial+mariners

TAS: www.mast.tas.gov.au/

VIC: www.transportsafety.vic.gov.au/maritime-safety

WA: www.transport.wa.gov.au/imarine/marine_information.asp

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