

## Marine Information Bulletin

### Conversion of pre Uniform Shipping Laws (USL) Code Licences

#### Background

Commercial and fishing ship licences that were issued in Queensland before the enactment of the *Transport Operations (Marine Safety) Act 1994* ceased to be valid from 1996. Maritime Safety Queensland (MSQ) still receives requests to recognise these licences and will update them to current licences according to the tables in this Marine Information Bulletin.

This information has previously been released as *Notes for the Guidance of Candidates* for the conversion of licences for the specific periods of time.

Licences issued prior to the introduction of the USL Code before 1988, will be converted according to *Table 1*. Licences issued between 1988 and 1992 will be converted according to *Table 2*. Licences issued between 1992 and 1994 will be converted according to *Table 3*.

#### Application

To apply to have your licence converted, you must do the following:

- Lodge an application form (F3103) personally at a Maritime Safety Queensland regional office.
- Provide the original licence (or statutory declaration if lost).
- Provide two recent colour passport photographs (taken within the last year).
- Pay the prescribed fee.
- Provide statements of attainment attesting to the successful completion (within the last five years) of Senior First Aid, (TDMMF1007B) and Elements of Shipboard Safety (TDMMF5407A, TDMMF5507A and TDMMF1107B) units of competency from the Transport Distribution (Maritime Operations) training package. These units of competency are held in perpetuity.
- Provide a current certificate of medical fitness (issued within the last two years), including an eyesight test (where required) as defined in Medical Fitness Requirements (USL Schedule 1).
- Provide proof of a Marine Radio Operators Certificate of Proficiency (deck certificates only).

- Candidates are required to demonstrate currency of competence by providing evidence of 12 months of sea service appropriate to the class of licence held within the past five years, **or**
- Successfully complete a MSQ independent assessment at a Maritime Safety Queensland regional office.

#### Information

For further information about this Marine Information Bulletin, email [msqmail@msq.qld.gov.au](mailto:msqmail@msq.qld.gov.au).

Other Marine Information Bulletins covering various topics relating to the safe operation of ships can be obtained from Maritime Safety Queensland's website [www.msq.qld.gov.au](http://www.msq.qld.gov.au) and from the following Maritime Safety Queensland regional offices:

Airlie Beach	(07) 4946 2200
Bundaberg	(07) 4131 8500
Cairns	(07) 4052 7400
Gladstone	(07) 4973 1200
Hervey Bay	(07) 4194 9600
Mackay	(07) 4944 3700
Mooloolaba	(07) 5477 8425
Pinkenba	(07) 3860 3500
Southport	(07) 5539 7300
Townsville	(07) 4726 3400

**Table 1****Deck certificates (Pre 1988)****Former deck certificate**

Master Fishing Vessel Grade 3

Launchmaster

Puntman

P.I.C

Master FV1B

Master Fishing Vessel Grade 2

Master Fishing Vessel Grade 3

Master FV1A

Master of a Limited Coasting Passenger Vessel

Master Grade IV

Master Grade III

Master Grade II

Master Grade I

Master of a Coaster

Mate Grade One

**Equivalent deck certificate**

Coxswain (Restricted)

Master Class 5 (Restricted)

Master Class 5 (Restricted)

Master Class 4 (Restricted)

Skipper Grade 3

Skipper Grade 3

Coxswain (Restricted to fishing ships with the former certificate limits)

Skipper Grade 2

Master Class 4

Master Class 4

Master Class 4

Master Class 3

Master Class 3

Master Class 3

Mate of any ship within the Qld jurisdiction

**Engineering certificates (Pre 1988)****Former engineering certificate**

Coastal Engine Driver 1st Grade

Coastal Engine Driver 2nd Grade

Coastal Engine Driver (Motor)

Engine Driver Fishing Grade A

Engine Driver Fishing Grade B

H &amp; R Engine Driver 1st Grade

H &amp; R Engine Driver 2nd Grade

H &amp; R Engine Driver (Motor) Grade A

H &amp; R Engine Driver (Motor) Grade B

Marine Motor Engineer Grade A

**Equivalent certificate**

MED (Motor) Grade 1

MED (Motor) Grade 2

MED (Motor) Grade 2

MED (Motor) Grade 2

MED (Motor) Grade 3

MED (Motor) Grade 2

MED (Motor) Grade 3

MED (Motor) Grade 2

MED (Motor) Grade 3

MED (Motor) Grade 1

**Table 2****Deck certificates (1988 to 1992)****Former certificate**

Coxswain (Trading)  
 Coxswain (Fishing)  
 Master Class V (Trading)  
 Master Class V (Fishing)  
 Master Class IV (Trading)  
 Master Class IV (Fishing)  
 Master Class III (Trading)  
 Master Class III (Fishing)

**Equivalent certificate**

Coxswain  
 Coxswain  
 Master Class 5  
 Skipper Grade 3  
 Master Class 4  
 Skipper Grade 2  
 Master Class 3  
 Skipper Grade 1

**USL engineering certificates (1988 to 1992)****Former certificate**

MED IV (Q) (T)  
 MED IV (Q) (F)  
 MED III (Q) (T)  
 MED III (Q) (F)  
 MED II  
 MED I  
 Marine Engineer Class 3

**Equivalent certificate**

MED (Motor) Grade 3  
 MED (Motor) Grade 3  
 MED (Motor) Grade 2  
 MED (Motor) Grade 2  
 MED (Motor) Grade 2  
 MED (Motor) Grade 1  
 Engineer Class 3

**Table 3****Deck certificates (1992 to 1994)****Former certificate**

Coxswain (Trading)  
 Coxswain (Fishing)  
 Master Class 5  
 Skipper Grade 3  
 Master Class 4  
 Skipper Grade 2  
 Master Class 3  
 Skipper Grade 1  
 Mate Class 4 (Trading)

**Equivalent certificate**

Coxswain  
 Coxswain  
 Master Class 5  
 Skipper Grade 3  
 Master Class 4  
 Skipper Grade 2  
 Master Class 3  
 Skipper Grade 1  
 Mate Class 4

**Engineering certificates (1988 to 1992)****Former certificate**

MED IV (Q) (T)  
 MED IV (Q) (F)  
 MED (Motor) Grade 3  
 MED III (Q) (T)  
 MED III (Q) (F)  
 MED II  
 MED I  
 Marine Engineer Class 3

**Equivalent certificate**

MED (Motor) Grade 3  
 MED (Motor) Grade 3  
 MED (Motor) Grade 3  
 MED (Motor) Grade 2  
 MED (Motor) Grade 2  
 MED (Motor) Grade 2  
 MED (Motor) Grade 1  
 Engineer Class 3

