

## Mutual recognition and commercial licence changes — certificates of recognition

To comply with the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) direction to allow greater freedom of movement of licensed occupations under mutual recognition the following changes are being made.

Mutual recognition is a process where a licence from one state is recognised for use in other states.

Certificates of recognition have been issued in Queensland to recognise a pre-Uniform Shipping Laws Code licence or a licence from another jurisdiction.

Certificates of recognition will now be treated equally to certificates of competency in Queensland.

Certificates of recognition are not recognised in other jurisdictions.

### Using your licence in another state or territory

If you wish to use your licence in another state you will need to obtain a replacement licence. The replacement licence will be a certificate of competency issued in recognition of your original licence.

To obtain a certificate of competency, you will need to:

- complete a marine licence application form (F3103) and pay the prescribed fee
- surrender your existing certificate of recognition
- provide a current certificate of medical fitness including an eyesight test as described in section 2 of the Uniform Shipping Laws Code. This will include a colour vision test
- provide two recent colour passport photos of yourself
- produce a current first aid certificate
- produce a Marine Radio Operators Certificate of Proficiency (MROCP)

- produce a statement of attainment from an approved registered training organisation certifying your completion of the Elements of Shipboard Safety requirements from the TDM07 national training package.

Pursuant to s153 of the *Transport Operations (Marine Safety) Regulations 2004*, your new licence will be issued for five years unless it is a perpetual coxswain or a licence to operate a fishing ship as master or engineer.

Licences with a term of five years will require renewal or revalidation at the end of this time depending on the level of the certificate.

The state into which you are taking your Queensland licence (the second state) may accept your licence as sufficient to operate in their waters or alternatively they may require you to apply for a licence in that state. If you are required to obtain a licence in the second state, it will only be issued for the duration that their laws allow. So a perpetual Queensland skippers licence may only allow you to obtain a five year licence in the second state.

If your previous licence had a restriction, this will be carried over to your new certificate of competency but into one of the following categories:

- restricted to outboard power
- restricted to smooth waters (including inland waters)
- restricted to partially smooth waters
- restricted to restricted offshore waters (30 nm)
- restricted to sail
- restricted to daylight hours only.

You don't have to do anything to continue using your certificate of recognition in Queensland.

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### Information

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