

# Marine Information Bulletin

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## Revalidation of commercial marine licences

Marine licences are issued for the term that is stated on them. This is generally five years although some licences are issued in perpetuity, for example:

- coxswain
- master of a fishing ship (skipper)
- engineer of a fishing ship
- personal watercraft licence
- recreational marine driver licence.

These licences never expire, however for all other licences, at any time before the licence expires the holder may apply to have it revalidated. To revalidate a licence the holder must:

- provide a completed Marine Licence Application form F3103
- provide a current certificate of medical fitness — details available from Maritime Safety Queensland regional offices
- provide the original Queensland marine licence that requires revalidation
- provide evidence of 12 months appropriate sea service within the last five years by a completed Sea Service Assessment Application form F4634, or successfully pass an independent assessment at a Maritime Safety Queensland regional office
- provide two recent colour passport photographs, taken within the last year
- pay the prescribed fees.

Appropriate sea service is accrued while performing duties relevant to the level and discipline of the licence held. However, persons operating as master or skipper and engineer may provide the minimum sea service in a dual role capacity to facilitate the revalidation of licenses.

Sea service is calculated in months according to the National Marine Safety Committee principles (NMSC Circular 03-2) which state that a month is 'a minimum of 150 hours of work over a period of at least 20 days'.

### Information

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Other Marine Information Bulletins covering various topics relating to marine licensing 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:

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Bundaberg	(07) 4131 8500
Cairns	(07) 4052 7400
Gladstone	(07) 4973 1200
Hervey Bay	(07) 4194 9600
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