

Temporary recognition of overseas boat licences

From 1 January 2012 some overseas boat licences held by international visitors will be temporarily recognised for use in Queensland. International visitors who intend to become residents must obtain a Queensland or interstate licence after three months of either arriving in Australia or Australian waters, or obtaining their resident visa.

For example, if a resident visa was granted **before** arriving in Australia or Australian waters, the three month period commences from the date of entry to Australia. If a resident visa is granted **after** arriving in Australia or Australian waters, the three month period commences from the date of obtaining residency.

A person's passport will be used to verify when residency was granted and the date of entry to Australia.

For Australian citizens returning from living overseas with a recognised overseas licence or qualification, their Australian passport will be used to verify when they returned to Australia. They will be required to obtain a licence after three months of arriving in Australia or Australian waters.

Recreational marine driver licence

Overseas qualification	Code	Country
Royal Yachting Association (certificates received overseas only)		
RYA Sail Cruising and Yachtmaster	G1504	EU
RYA Motor Cruising Scheme	G18/03	EU
RYA Powerboating / Old Sportsboat (Using E.U. Resolution 40)	G20/---	EU
RYA Coastal Skipper		EU
RYA Competent Crew (Sail Only)		EU
RYA Day Skipper (Both Theory & Practical)		EU
RYA/MCA Yachtmaster Offshore [Certificate of Competence]		EU
International Certificate of Competency		EU
International Certificate for Operator of Pleasure Craft Res. 40 12/02/2010		EU
Certificate of Competence 'Helmsman's (Overseas) Certificate of Competence		EU
RYA National Powerboat Certificate Level II		EU
RYA National Powerboat Certificate Level II (conducted at Royal Navy HMS establishments)		EU
Mediterranean Cruising Association		
Certificate of Competence 'The Helmsman's (Overseas) Certificate of Competence (Skipper)'		EU
MCA The Mediterranean Cruising Association 'Certificate of Competence'		UK
British Water Ski Federation		
Ski Boat Driver Award (Meets RYA Level III and Res. 40 I.C.C.)		UK/EU
Royal National Lifeboat Institution		
Atlantic 21 / 75 lifeboat course		UK
New Zealand		
NZ Boatmaster Certificate Course with Gold Star Stamp (100hrs)		NZ
NZ Day Skipper Certificate Course plus practical boat assessment		NZ
NZ Coastal Skipper		NZ

Overseas qualification	Code	Country
NZ Ocean Yachtmaster		NZ
NZ Certificate of Competency Master of Pleasure Yacht Coastal		NZ
NZ Certificate of Competency as Skipper of a Coastal Fishing Boat		NZ
NZ Certificate of Competency as Inshore Fishing Skipper		NZ
NZ Certificate of Competency as Inshore Launchmaster		NZ
NZ Certificate of Competency as Local Launch Operator		NZ
NZ Certificate of Competency as Commercial Launchmaster		NZ
NZ Certificate of Competency as Chief Mate		NZ
NZ Certificate of Competency as Master (yacht < 500gt.)		NZ
NZ Certificate of Competency as Master (yacht)		NZ
RNZ Coast Guard Federation (Inc.) Master of a Pleasure Yacht -Ocean (Certificate of Competency)		NZ
NZ Certificate of Competency as Qualified Fishing Deckhand		NZ
NZ Boatmaster Certificate Course		NZ
Israel		
Department of Small Craft – Small Craft Authorisation Certification Grade – 20; 21; 30; 40; 50 & 60		IL
Italy		
'Patente Di Abilitazione Al Comando Di Unita Da Diporto' Skipper's Ticket up to 24 m without shore limits [Ocean Yachtmaster Level]		ITA
Patente di Abilitazione per le Imbarcazioni Da Diporto" translates as "Recreational Boat License/Permit/Qualification		ITA
Republic of China (Hong Kong)		
Coxswain Grade 1 Certificate		HK
Coxswain Grade 2 Certificate		HK
Coxswain Grade 3 Certificate		HK
Pleasure Vessel Operator (Grade 1 and 2 after 1/12/2006)		HK
United Kingdom		
UK Maritime & Coastguard Agency - Seafarer Standards Branch [The Merchant Shipping (Training & Certification) Regulations 1997] Officer of the Watch; Chief Mate		UK
MCA Master of Yachts 200 Tons Limited		UK
Certificate of Competency as Master of Foreign Going Vessel		UK
Certificate of Competency as Master of a Pleasure Yacht (Coastal) issued by Ministry of Transport U.K.		UK
Boatmaster's Licence (U.K. Dept. of Transport)		UK
Department of Transport 'Boatman's Licence' 1993 ONWARDS		UK
BSAC / CDA Boat Handling ["Seamanship for Divers"]		UK
BSAC / CDA Diver Coxswain		UK
BSAC / CDA Approved Boat Handling Instructor		UK
MCA The Mediterranean Cruising Association 'Certificate of Competence'		UK
South Africa		

Overseas qualification	Code	Country
Ski-Boat from Certificate of Competency via Department of Transport SA		ZA
South African Underwater Union		ZA
South African Deep Sea Angling Association		ZA
South African Anglers' Union Certificate of Competency (Ski-Boat) (Terminated Operation Certificate still recognised)		ZA
South African Inflatable Boat Association		ZA
National Sea Rescue Institute of South Africa		ZA
Canoe South Africa		ZA
Power Boat South Africa		ZA
South African Police Service (Water Wing)		ZA
South African Institute for Skippers		ZA
Certificate of Competency as Deck Officer Dept. of South Africa		ZA
Certificate of Competency Category's A-D Day Skipper Limited	SAMSA	ZA
South African Sailing Academy [Yacht Skipper (Local Waters)]	SAMSA R. 500	ZA
South African Sailing Academy [Coastal Skipper]		ZA
South African Sailing Academy [Yachtmaster Offshore]		ZA
South African Sailing Academy [Yachtmaster Ocean]		ZA
South African Small Craft Association [National Small Power-driven Vessel Certificate of Competency]		ZA
Cruising Association of South Africa [Yacht Skipper (Local Waters)]		ZA
Cruising Association of South Africa [Coastal Skipper]		ZA
Cruising Association of South Africa [Yachtmaster Offshore]		ZA
Cruising Association of South Africa [Yachtmaster Ocean]		ZA
Yachtmaster Coastal Certificate of Competency for Motor Vessels [Professional Yachtmaster Training, Durban Assoc with International Yachtmaster Training (Inc.), Fort Lauderdale, Florida, USA]		ZA
Yachtmaster Coastal Certificate of Competency for Sailing Vessels [Professional Yachtmaster Training, Durban Assoc with International Yachtmaster Training (Inc.), Fort Lauderdale, Florida, USA]		ZA
Republic of Singapore		
Powered Pleasure Craft Driving Licence (Maritime & Port Authority of Singapore)		RG
United States of America		
American Sailing Association 'Basic Keelboat Sailing Course'		USA
American Sailing Association 'Advance Keelboat Sailing Course'		USA
American Sailing Association 'Basic Coastal Cruising Course'		USA
American Sailing Association 'Advanced Coastal Cruising Course'		USA
United States Coast Guard (U.S. Merchant Marine Officer)		USA
Department of Interior Motorboat Operator Certificate Course(Florida International University)		USA
Ocean Masters Sailing Academy (Yachtmaster)		USA
Yachtmaster Coastal Certificate of Competency for Motor Vessels		USA

Overseas qualification	Code	Country
[International Yachtmaster Training (Inc.), Fort Lauderdale, Florida, USA]		
Yachtmaster Coastal Certificate of Competency for Sailing Vessels [International Yachtmaster Training (Inc.), Fort Lauderdale, Florida, USA]		USA
Canada		
Canadian Yachting Association (Basic Cruising Standard)		Ca
Canadian Yachting Association (Intermediate Cruising Standard)		Ca
Canadian Yachting Association (Advanced Cruising Standard)		Ca
Canadian Yachting Association (Basic Powerboat Standard)		Ca
Canadian Yachting Association (Basic Power Commercial Endorsement)		Ca
Canadian Yachting Association (Intermediate Powerboat Standard)		Ca
International Sail & Power Association (Coastal Skipper Certificate)		Ca
International Sail & Power Association (Advanced Skipper Certificate)		Ca
International Sail & Power Association (Advanced Navigator Certificate)		Ca
International Sail & Power Association (Yachtmaster Coastal Certificate)		Ca
International Sail & Power Association (Offshore Navigator (Celestial) Certificate)		Ca
International Sail & Power Association (Offshore Skipper Certificate)		Ca
International Sail & Power Association (Yachtmaster Offshore Certificate)		Ca
International Yacht Training (International Bareboat Skipper [Sail or Power]) (Must have completed all of International Crew Certificate + Watchkeeper + Bareboat Skipper syllabi)		Ca
Austria		
International Certificate for Operators of Pleasure Craft Res. 40 12/2/2010		EU
Czech Republic		
International Certificate for Operators of Pleasure Craft Res. 40 12/2/2010		EU
Finland		
International Certificate for Operators of Pleasure Craft Res. 40 12/2/2010		EU
Germany (Bundesrepublik Deutschland)		
Sportboot - Führerschein (German Sportsboat Operator)		D
Yachten - Führerschein (German Yacht Operator)		D
International Certificate for Operators of Pleasure Craft Res. 40 12/2/2010		D
Ireland		
ISA International Certificate for Operators of Pleasure Craft Res. 40 12/2/2010		EU
Irish Sailing Association National Powerboat Certificate		EU
Irish Sailing Association Safety Boat Certificate		EU
Irish Sailing Association Dive Boat Coxswains Certificate		EU
Irish Sailing Association Recreational Powerboat Certificate		EU
Irish Sailing Association Advanced Powerboat Certificate		EU
France		
La Cart Mer "Chef Du Quartier des Affaires Maritimes de Pete"		Fr
Le Permis Mer Côtier		Fr

Overseas qualification	Code	Country
Switzerland		
Schweizerischer Schiffs/ ?hrauswels Motorboot (A-Schein) Switzerland Motor Boat Licence		CH
Sailing School Rorschach Switzerland (Yacht master's certificate)		CH
International Certificate for Operators of Pleasure Craft Res. 40 12/2/2010		EU
Schweizerische Eidgenossenschaft (International certificate of pleasure craft operations)		CH
Portugal		
"Certificate of Competency (Fishing) ""Cedula de Inscricao Maitima"""		Pt
Carta de Navegado de Recreio (Yachtmaster's Licence)		Pt
Japan		
Certificate of Competency as First Mate of the First Grade		Ja
Republic of Croatia		
Boat Leader's Licence of Competency		Cr
International Certificate for Operators of Pleasure Craft Res. 40 12/2/2010		EU
Republic of Mauritius		
Pleasure Craft Skipper Licence		Mu
Commercial Skipper Licence		Mu
Competency Test for Skippers		Mu
Sweden		
Swedish Diploma (Coastal Yachtmaster Diploma) [KUSTSKEPPARINTYG]		Se
Holland (Netherlands)		
International Certificate for Operators of Pleasure Craft Res. 40 12/2/2010		EU
Poland		
Polish Motor Boat and Water Ski Association "Certificate of Motor Boat Helmsman" 'Polski Zwiazek Motorowodny Narciarstwa Wodnego' Sternika Motorowodnego		PI
Polish Yachting Association "Certificate of Ocean-Going Yacht Master" 'Polski Zwiazek Zeglarski' Jachtowego Kapitana Zeglugi Wielkiej		PI
Lithuania		
International Certificate for Operators of Pleasure Craft Res. 40 12/2/2010		EU
Luxembourg		
International Certificate for Operators of Pleasure Craft Res. 40 12/2/2010		EU
Romania		
International Certificate for Operators of Pleasure Craft Res. 40 12/2/2010		EU
Slovakia		
International Certificate for Operators of Pleasure Craft Res. 40 12/2/2010		EU
Spain		
Patron De Embarcaciones De Recreo		EU

Personal watercraft (PWC) licence

United States of America PWC licence/qualifications – by state					
Utah	New York	Maine	Hawaii	Virgin Islands	Connecticut
Boating Safety Education Certificate	Boating Safety Certificate	Proof of course completion	Thrill Craft Operators Certification	Certificate of Completion	Certificate of Personal Watercraft Operation

Certification course must meet the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NABLA) approved Education Standard. Certificates are mainly issued for completion of an approved boat safety course.

European PWC licence/qualifications	
Spain	Qualification
Three categories of licences	<p>Moto Nautical Pattern 'C' (Patron de Moto Nautica 'C') (less than 55 hp)</p> <p>Moto Nautical Pattern 'B' (Patron de Moto Nautica 'B') (From 55 to less than 110 hp)</p> <p>Moto Nautical Pattern 'A' (Patron de Moto Nautica 'A') (110 hp and over)</p>