



AMSA Safety Alert



Extension National Law certificates of competency

The Purpose

The purpose of this Domestic Commercial Vessel (DCV) Safety Alert is to advise vessel owners, operators, masters, coxswains and crews that the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) has taken steps to extend the duration of all National Law certificates of competency.

Implementation

Due to the uncertainty caused by COVID-19, AMSA has taken a pragmatic approach to seafarer certification.

AMSA has issued an exemption that:

- extends all National Law certificates of competency and all associated endorsements, expiring between 26 March and 1 October 2020, for six months from the expiry date noted on the certificate and
- permits crew, subject to this exemption, to work on a domestic commercial vessel for this extension period.

These changes have been made for all certificates of competency and associated endorsements expiring between 26 March and 1 October. This means that you do not have to apply for the extension, it happens automatically.

The above measures apply to National Law certificates of competency, whether issued by

AMSA or a state/territory based maritime safety agency that was a delegate of AMSA when the certificate was issued.

Revalidation

While the above measures apply to all National Law certificates of competency, those seafarers who meet the eligibility requirements for revalidation, and have the ability to make an application before the expiry date of the certificate, are encouraged to apply to revalidate their certificate before it expires.

More information

Should you require any further assistance or information, please contact AMSA Connect on 1800 627 484, +61 2 6279 5000 or via email to AMSAConnect@amsa.gov.au

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