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Modification History

Release 1. New unit of competency. Licensing/regulatory information has been incorporated in accordance with Regulatory requirements. Assessment Requirements have been strengthened in accordance with Regulatory requirements.

Application

This unit involves the skills and knowledge required to plan and safely conduct a passage on a vessel up to 80 m, including obtaining and interpreting weather information and position fixing.

This unit applies to people working in the maritime industry in the capacity of:

- master on commercial vessels <35 m in length within the exclusive economic zone (EEZ) or
- master on vessels <80 m in inshore waters; and
- chief mate or deck watchkeeper on vessels <80 m within the EEZ.

Licensing/Regulatory Information

Legislative and regulatory requirements are applicable to this unit. This unit is one of the requirements to obtain Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) certification as a Master <24m NC, Mate <80m NC and Master <35m NC as defined in the National Standard for Commercial Vessels (NSCV) Part D. The AMSA mandated practical assessment (AMPA) is a requirement for AMSA certification. The Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) mandated practical assessment (AMPA) will cover a range, but not all, of the requirements identified in the Performance Evidence and Knowledge Evidence. The AMPA shall be undertaken in accordance with its instructions.

Assessors of AMPA must hold as a minimum:

- a current certificate of competency issued under Marine Safety (Domestic Commercial Vessel) National Law Act 2012 at the same level as the qualification being assessed with at least 12 months' relevant sea service, or
- a relevant seafarer certificate, as master or deck officer, issued under the Navigation Act 2012.

Pre-requisite Unit

Not Applicable

Competency Field

H – Navigation

Unit Sector

Not Applicable

Elements and Performance Criteria

ELEMENTS

Elements describe the essential outcomes.

1 Plan passage

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.

- 1.1 Navigational charts, nautical publications and related documentation are accessed and checked for currency
- 1.2 Documentation is used to identify navigational hazards relevant to proposed voyage
- 1.3 Route for voyage is determined and critical points along proposed route of voyage are identified and plotted
- 1.4 Potential navigational contingencies and problems along planned route are identified and appropriate strategies for dealing with them are developed and recorded
- 1.5 Weather forecasts are obtained and interpreted, and weather and sea condition hazards relevant to proposed voyage are identified prior to departure
- 1.6 Route is modified as required to take into account weather and sea condition hazards
- 1.7 Planned route for voyage and strategies for dealing with critical situations and contingencies along route are recorded

2 Conduct a pre-departure check

- 2.1 Propulsion steering equipment and alarms are tested for serviceability and vessel hull is checked for seaworthiness
- 2.2 Wheelhouse equipment and alarms are checked to ensure they are in proper working condition and set for passage
- 2.3 Wheelhouse equipment is checked for errors and allowances are made in planning passage
- 2.4 Fuel is checked to ensure that there is adequate fuel, including a reserve, on board for the intended passage

- 2.5 Safety equipment is checked for compliance with relevant legislation
 - 2.6 Communication equipment is checked to ensure it is in proper working condition
 - 2.7 Anchoring and mooring equipment is checked to ensure it is in proper working condition
 - 2.8 Vessel and equipment are secured for sea
 - 2.9 Latest weather information is obtained and interpreted, and proposed route is modified as required to take into account weather and sea condition hazards
- 3 Conduct passage**
- 3.1 Local authorities are advised of departure and passage plan
 - 3.2 Mode of steering is selected appropriate for prevailing weather, sea and traffic conditions, and intended manoeuvres
 - 3.3 Weather forecasts and observations of sea and weather conditions are used to determine vessel speed and direction
 - 3.4 Information from wheelhouse equipment is interpreted to identify navigational hazards and fix vessel position
 - 3.5 Alterations to vessel course or speed are made to meet prevailing circumstances and changing conditions
 - 3.6 Navigational manoeuvres are conducted within safe operational limits of vessel
 - 3.7 Details of passage are recorded in vessel log according to regulations
- 4 Fix vessel position**
- 4.1 Primary position fixing method is selected according to navigational principles and prevailing conditions
 - 4.2 Position is fixed using selected method and information derived from relevant wheelhouse equipment
 - 4.3 Position is recorded according to regulations
 - 4.4 Fixes are taken at time intervals appropriate for prevailing navigational conditions

- 4.5** Performance checks of position fixing instruments and wheelhouse equipment are carried out according to organisational procedures and manufacturer instructions

Foundation Skills

Foundation skills essential to performance are explicit in the performance criteria of this unit of competency.

Range of Conditions

Range is restricted to essential operating conditions and any other variables essential to the work environment.

Unit Mapping Information

This unit replaces and is equivalent to MARH004 Plan and navigate a passage for a vessel up to 80 metres.

Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet -

<https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=772efb7b-4cce-47fe-9bbd-ee3b1d1eb4c2>