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SFICPL303 Board vessel at sea

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Release 1	This version released with SFI Seafood Industry Training Package Version 1.0.

Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to board vessels at sea in the course of monitoring or observation duties or assisting with multi-agency emergency and critical incident response.

The unit applies to individuals who develop a plan for boarding based on risk assessment, prepare and use personal and safety equipment and tender vessel to board subject vessel and use personal defence equipment where safety is compromised.

All work must be carried out to comply with workplace procedures, according to state/territory health and safety, biosecurity and environmental regulations, legislation and standards that apply to the workplace. Licences may be required to operate a vessel.

Regulatory requirements apply to this unit. Users are required to check with the relevant jurisdiction for current requirements.

Pre-requisite Unit

Nil

Unit Sector

Compliance (CPL)

Elements and Performance Criteria

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<i>Elements describe the essential outcomes.</i>	<i>Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.</i>
1. Plan boarding operation	1.1 Undertake risk assessment of factors affecting the boarding operation 1.2 Develop boarding plan according to agency guidelines and procedures

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	1.3 Share boarding plan with team members in briefing session 1.4 Ensure personal role and responsibility in the boarding party is understood
2. Carry out pre-boarding preparations	2.1 Undertake visual inspection of vessel and adjust boarding plan according to changed risk assessment 2.2 Prepare and check tender, ensuring pontoons are filled with air, have no leaks and there is sufficient fuel in tank and reserve 2.3 Securely stow equipment and supplies on tender and put on personal gear 2.4 Ensure responsibilities relevant to role and boarding plan are fulfilled
3. Board vessel	3.1 Follow relevant agency guidelines and procedures throughout boarding process 3.2 Use and respond to commands and signals as appropriate 3.3 Board and disembark vessel safely according to agency procedures 3.4 Ensure personal fitness level is adequate for boarding and inspection tasks 3.5 Conduct on-board inspection, following boarding and inspection guidelines and procedures 3.6 Maintain situational awareness at all times 3.7 Use personal defence equipment if safety of fisheries officers is threatened 3.8 Prepare to evacuate boarded vessel in the event of an emergency
4. Complete post-boarding operation	4.1 Provide assistance appropriate to team member role in retrieval of tender to master vessel 4.2 Refuel tender and check for serviceability 4.3 Report on boarding operation, adherence to agency guidelines and procedures, and effectiveness of boarding team at debriefing session

Foundation Skills

This section describes those language, literacy, numeracy and employment skills that are essential for performance in this unit of competency but are not explicit in the performance criteria.

Skill	Description
Numeracy	- Counts crew numbers - Estimates size of vessels, length, height and speed - Estimates catch - Calculates the amount of fuel required for a boarding operation
Writing	Takes notes as evidence
Interact with others	- Adapts communication style, conventions and protocols, including personal, social and cultural factors, to interact with crew, other officers and public - Uses active listening, observational and questioning techniques to confirm and clarify understanding or seek further information - Collaborates with team members to achieve joint outcome
Get the work done	Makes critical and non-critical decisions during boarding operations, and adjusts approach as necessary

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
SFICPL303 Board vessel at sea	SFICOMP415A Board vessel at sea	Updated to meet Standards for Training Packages Change to AQF indicator in unit code and minor amendments to performance criteria to better reflect outcomes	Equivalent unit

Links

Companion Volumes, including Implementation Guides, are available at VETNet: - <https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=e31d8c6b-1608-4d77-9f71-9ee749456273>

Assessment Requirements for SFICPL303 Board vessel at sea

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Performance Evidence

An individual demonstrating competency must satisfy all of the elements and performance criteria in this unit.

There must be evidence that the individual has boarded and disembarked a vessel at sea for monitoring or observation activities or to assist in an incident response, on at least one occasion, including:

- developing a boarding plan using a risk assessment approach
- using observation skills to carry out on-board inspections and to maintain situational safety
- using the appropriate personal gear and defence equipment for boarding purpose
- communicating with team members during planning briefing and debriefing meetings
- deploying a ladder from tender or using climbing techniques to board vessel
- using the correct commands and signals during boarding, disembarking and on-board inspection
- undertaking post-boarding procedures.

Knowledge Evidence

An individual must be able to demonstrate the knowledge required to perform the tasks outlined in the elements and performance criteria of this unit. This includes knowledge of:

- agency guidelines and procedures relevant to boarding and disembarking a vessel at sea and conducting an on-board inspection
- climbing techniques for ladders and boarding vessels at sea
- communication techniques for:
 - commanding and signalling during the on-board operation
 - instructing crew and skipper of boarded vessel
- risk assessment as part of planning the boarding process
- roles and responsibility of boarding party members
- types of vessels and their implications when boarding
- water safety techniques, including:
 - water entry

- deployment of personal flotation device
- individual and group survival techniques
- drown-proofing technique for surviving in water disaster scenarios.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
 - skills must be demonstrated on vessel at sea or an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - a tender, vessel and boarding equipment
 - personal and safety gear and defence equipment
- specifications:
 - agency guidelines and procedures
- relationships:
 - evidence of interactions with team members.

Assessors of this unit must satisfy the requirements for assessors in applicable vocational education and training legislation, frameworks and/or standards.

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