



Australian Government

SFIVOP203 Operate a small vessel

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Modification History

Release	Comments
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 prepare, operate, maintain, store and secure small vessels within range of ready assistance and isolated from heavy boating traffic and navigational hazards. The operation is restricted to the basic use, manoeuvring and loading of the vessel. It does not include interaction of the vessel with boat traffic or other hazards.

This unit applies to individuals who operate small vessels for aquaculture and fishing operations.

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.

Licencing and regulatory requirements apply to this unit. Users are required to check with the relevant maritime authority for requirements.

Pre-requisite Unit

Nil

Unit Sector

Vessel Operations (VOP)

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. Prepare the small vessel for use	1.1 Identify and address factors that may compromise vessel safety in the work plan and the operation of the vessel 1.2 Check all essential safety equipment, including personal protective

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	equipment and spares required for area of operation and intended work, for presence and serviceability 1.3 Load vessel according to manufacturer instructions and work tasks
2. Operate a small vessel	2.1 Maintain vessel stability within safety limits and weather conditions by establishing a low centre of gravity and securing and stowing loads 2.2 Operate vessel safely at all times and in area of operation confined to limits of restricted area 2.3 Manoeuvre vessel safely using appropriate means to complete planned work tasks
3. Store and secure a small vessel and equipment	3.1 Secure, maintain and store vessel after use according to workplace procedures 3.2 Store perishables to minimise wastage and spoilage 3.3 Store fuels to minimise environmental and fire hazards 3.4 Repair unserviceable equipment and spares or remove for repair or replacement according to workplace procedures

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	Makes simple calculations relating to distance, fuel range, and operational and speed limits
Reading	Interprets manufacturer operational and loading specifications and the use-by date of flares
Navigate the world of work	Understands main tasks, responsibilities and boundaries of own role
Interact with others	- Identifies and communicates operational and safety observations to relevant persons according to workplace requirements - Selects and uses appropriate terminology and questions when communicating with others about the work plan and requirements

Skill	Description
Get the work done	• Implements standard solutions for routine problems • Uses tools, equipment and resources dedicated to vessel operation

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
SFIVOP203 Operate a small vessel	SFISHIP206C Operate a small vessel	Updated to meet Standards for Training Packages	Equivalent unit

Links

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<https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=e31d8c6b-1608-4d77-9f71-9ee749456273>