

International Diploma of Marine Surveying (Working Boats)[™]



This qualification is most suited to people who want to become a surveyor in the Australian Domestic Commercial Vessel Sector and apply for AMSA accreditation. It is open to persons who are already working in or hold qualifications in a related maritime industry profession.

The qualification meets some of the requirements for Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) accreditation, but you will also need to demonstrate the achievement of other requirements which include additional qualifications for specialist areas, suitable experience, appropriate insurance and the capacity to run your business in accordance with ISO 9001:2015.

People seeking accreditation should check the AMSA website.

Who can apply to do this qualification?

Some subjects in the qualification require you to carry out practical marine survey tasks and therefore to be eligible to undertake the course you must have your own access to worksites and/or vessels that are between 7 and 35 metres in length or a vessel that is unique to your specialist area. Due to the nature of the course applications are only taken from:

- Existing AIMS members and external Marine Surveyors who wish to formalise their marine survey experience via a recognition process.
- Seafarers holding Master Mariner Class 1, Deck Officers and Engineers, Coastal Masters and Engineers Class 3, 4 or 5 and / or Marine Engine Driver Grade 1, 2 or 3.
- Any Marine Surveyor with marine survey experience.
- Candidates with related qualifications such as Marine Engineering or Naval Architecture.
- Candidates with formal qualifications and experience as Boat Builders or Shipwrights.
- Candidates with formal trade technical qualifications as Electricians, Marine Mechanics or Plumbers /Refrigeration specialists.



What subjects are in the qualification?

There are 8 units that you must undertake to achieve the qualification. Three of the subjects are core areas that everyone must either undertake or provide evidence of having undertaken them either through life and work experience or formal qualifications.

The three Core subjects are:

IDS01 – Prepare and present professional marine survey reports
IDS02 – Identify and implement WHS requirements for survey tasks
IDS03 – Understand basic vessel stability and stability documentation

The core subjects can be undertaken using a recognition of prior learning approach or credit transfer from other qualifications.

Once you have finished the Core subjects you can select 5 elective subjects from the list below.

ADMS611 – Audit and Assess Safety Management systems
IDS05 – Carry out a statutory survey in accordance with National Law and Regulations
IDS06 – Survey the hull and superstructure of a vessel
IDS07 – Survey operational systems
IDS08 - Assess vessel compliance with marine environment protection regulations
IDS10 – Carry out pre-purchase and insurance surveys for vessels under 25mtrs
IDS11 – Prepare to establish a small business in marine surveying

In order to provide a flexible qualification for our students we allow 2 elective units to be selected from the Advanced Diploma of Commercial Marine Surveying on a case by case basis. If you are interested in this option, students should speak to their training coordinator.

How is the course delivered?

The course is delivered via distance learning. Units are forwarded to you via email and your student resources and further notes and readings are provided to you via access to our drop box files.

Students can request additional assistance from our Assessors or training staff and we regularly hold tutorial and information sessions.

You may also be required to undertake practical survey tasks as part of the assessment process. If you are working in the industry, we can tailor practical tasks to suit your workplace environment however you must organise your own access to a vessel.

It is expected that you will complete the course within 8 – 12 months however enrollment in the course is valid for 18 months.

How much does the course cost and how do I enrol?

The course cost is (AUD) \$3,950.00 + GST (\$ 4345.00) and students may pay either up front or by regular direct debit over 10 months.

Please note that as per the student handbook information there is not a reduction in price for RPL.

To enrol you will need to complete an online enrolment form via a link that we will send to you. You will also need to read the student handbook and sign the declaration on the last page and forward that to us with a current CV and copies of your qualifications. You may be required to schedule a phone interview with us.

Can I work as a Domestic Commercial Marine Surveyor when I finish the course?

Once you have successfully completed the course, to work as a Domestic Commercial Marine Surveyor you will need to apply for accreditation with AMSA¹.

To receive the link to the online form please email:

training@aimsurveyors.com.au or give us a call on 02 6232 6555 between 08.30am and 3.30pm Monday – Friday.

*Please note that International Students are not charged GST.



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1. In addition to a Diploma in Marine Surveying AMSA accreditation is dependent on a range of other qualifications and experience. You can check the AMSA website for more details.