

## Recreational Skipper's Ticket

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### Overview

To make Western Australia's waterways safer a basic safety standard has been introduced for recreational skippers. Developed by the Department for Planning & Infrastructure, the agency responsible for marine safety in Western Australia, the Recreational Skipper's Ticket (RST) will ensure that people in charge of vessels have the minimum skills and knowledge to protect themselves, their passengers, and to share the waterways safely with others.

### Who is the Course For?

From April 2008 or April 2007 if you're under 25, the person in charge of a vessel with a motor greater than 4.5 kilowatts (6 HP) must hold an RST.

### Prior Qualifications

If you currently hold one of the following qualifications you won't be required to undergo RST assessment:

- A commercial marine qualification (not engineering)
- A BoatSmart certificate
- A Small Craft Proficiency certificate (issued before 12 February 2006)
- A TL3 or TL 5 certificate (issued before 12 February 2006)
- A current boat operator's certificate issued by another State.

If your qualification was issued in Western Australia, the Department will send you an RST application form. Once you have completed and returned the form the Department will issue you an RST.

If you have a BoatSmart or Small Craft Proficiency certificate you will need to return the form to the Department by April 2007, after which, full assessment will be required to obtain your RST.

If you have a TL3, TL5 or a marine qualification/licence issued outside of Western Australia you can apply for an RST through the Skills Recognition scheme.

You can do so by submitting your qualifications to the Department for verification at the locations listed on the website [www.dpi.wa.gov.au/imarine](http://www.dpi.wa.gov.au/imarine)

### Age Limit



People must be 14 years old to hold an RST. However, those between 14 and 16 years are restricted to 8 knots and can operate in daylight hours only.

#### Course Outline

If you don't hold prior qualifications or qualify for an exemption from practical assessment you will need to complete both the practical and the theory sections of the assessment.

The theory section consists of 30 multiple choice questions and you will need to get at least 24 correct before progression to the practical assessment.

The practical assessment will take about 60 minutes and requires you to skipper a vessel through three sections.

Section 1 – Tasks you would complete prior to departure

Section 2 - Tasks involving departing and returning to a berth and a variety of tasks on the voyage.

Section 3 – Tasks you would complete upon your return.