

# Certificate II in Maritime Operations (Marine Engine Driver Grade 3 Near Coastal)

COURSE CODE	MAR20424
LOCATIONS	Portland
STUDY MODE	Full-time
Length	Full-time, up to six months. Five weeks of classes, including one week of AMSA-mandated practical assessments.
Commencement	Expressions of interest
Timetable	Five weeks of classes, including one week of AMSA-mandated practical assessments.

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## Course Overview

*This section gives you an introduction to what you will be learning in this course, plus course outcomes, career opportunities, and student support.*

### Introduction

This course provides the practical skills and industry knowledge needed to begin a career in the maritime industry as a Marine Engine Driver. This entry-level qualification prepares you to work in engine room operations and vessel maintenance on commercial vessels operating in near coastal waters.

Throughout the course, you will develop hands-on skills in marine engine operation, safety procedures, vessel systems, maintenance, and emergency response. Training is delivered through a combination of classroom learning, practical activities, and AMSA-mandated practical assessments, giving you real-world experience aligned with industry expectations.

Successful completion of this qualification contributes towards eligibility for the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) Marine Engine Driver Grade 3 Near Coastal Certificate of Competency, subject to AMSA requirements, including sea service.

### What will I Learn?

During this course, you will learn how to:

- Operate and maintain marine engines and auxiliary systems
- Perform routine vessel maintenance and fault finding
- Apply workplace health and safety procedures in maritime environments
- Respond to onboard emergencies, including fire, flooding, and survival situations
- Work effectively in an engine room environment
- Use seamanship and survival skills in near-coastal operations
- Follow maritime regulations and operational procedures
- Communicate and work effectively as part of a vessel crew
- Complete the AMSA-mandated practical assessments required for certification pathways.

Training includes both theory and practical learning to build confidence in real maritime settings.

### Mode of delivery

This course is delivered over five weeks through a combination of classroom theory, practical skills training, and support for completing assessments. During Weeks 1–4, students participate in scheduled theory classes, hands-on practical activities, and teacher-supported learning sessions. Week 5 focuses on the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA)- Mandated Practical Assessments (AMPA) and support for assessment completion.

AMPAs are integrated into the practical assessment requirements of the course and are conducted in small groups of no more than five students, in line with AMSA requirements. Students may complete vessel-based assessments with an AMSA-approved assessor or participate in teacher-managed practical assessment activities and supported completion sessions.

**Note:** Elements of this course may be delivered from another SWTAFE campus or location, including but not limited to Warrnambool, Port Fairy, and Portland. Students may be required to make their own way to these locations, depending on the availability of suitable transport and staffing.

## Course Outcomes and Career Opportunities

This qualification can lead to employment opportunities including:

- Marine Engine Driver Grade 3
- Chief Engineer on eligible near coastal vessels
- Assistant Engineer
- Engine Room Assistant
- Commercial Fishing Vessel Crew
- Charter Vessel Crew
- Maritime Support Crew
- Emergency Services Marine Operations Crew

Graduates may find employment across industries, including commercial fishing, tourism and charter operations, marine transport, aquaculture, offshore services, and emergency response operations.

## Pathways

Students may also choose to continue their studies through pathways into the [MAR30824 Certificate III in Maritime Operations \(Marine Engine Driver Grade 2 Near Coastal\)](#).

## Information Session

Why don't you come along to our next course info session to find out everything you need to start your learning journey? You can chat with our teachers, tour our facilities, learn more about the course, find out about the application process and get your questions answered by our course experts.

[Find the next info session near you](#)

## Course Requirements

*This section gives you an overview of entry requirements, course units and electives, skills recognition, and assessment criteria.*

### Entrance requirements & pre-requisites

To enrol in this course, you must be:

- At least 16 years of age
- Physically fit and capable swimmer

### Course requirements

To be eligible for this qualification, you must successfully complete 13 core units.

## Units offered

### Core Units

Unit Code	Unit Name	Unit Hours	Unit Consumables
MARF028	Follow procedures to minimise and fight fires on board a vessel	30	\$315.00
MARF029	Meet work health and safety requirements	30	\$0.00
MARF030	Survive at sea using survival craft	15	\$0.00
MARJ006	Follow environmental work practices	35	\$0.00
MARB028	Service marine internal combustion engines and propulsion and auxiliary systems	65	\$0.00
MARC033	Complete engine room tasks	50	\$0.00
MARC034	Maintain hull out of water	20	\$0.00
MARC035	Operate and maintain extra low and low voltage electrical systems and equipment	25	\$0.00
MARC036	Operate deck machinery	25	\$0.00
MARC039	Operate marine internal combustion engines, and propulsion and auxiliary systems	60	\$0.00
HLTAID011	Provide First Aid	18	\$15.75
BSBTWK201	Work effectively with others	40	\$0.00
MARF060	Apply basic survival skills in the event of vessel abandonment	35	\$0.00

## Assessment

This course involves accredited units. You will be required to complete assessment tasks to demonstrate your underpinning knowledge, skills and attributes to meet the course outcomes. A combination of written, oral and practical assessment strategies will be used in either a classroom, online or workplace environment.

Where units require demonstration of skills in a workplace environment, you will have the opportunity to do this either in your own workplace (where appropriate), through a practical placement, or by using one of the Institute's simulated workshops/classrooms. Detailed information about the types, conduct and dates of assessments will be provided in advance. You will also be provided with information about the opportunity for reassessment and appeal.

## Fees

*This section gives you an overview of course fees, subsidies, and how they can be paid.*

### Course Fees

**Here's an outline of fees and costs associated with your course.**

**Your fees each year can be made up of 3 different elements.** Everyone has different circumstances that can affect what you pay and how much you pay. :

1. Tuition fees - charged as an hourly rate that varies from course to course. A large portion of the tuition is subsidised by the Victorian Government for eligible students.
2. Resource and/or materials costs - covers the cost of materials and other incidentals. This fee will vary according to the course being undertaken.

3. Booklist items - such as textbooks, equipment and stationery recommended for your course

## Tuition fees

There are 4 different rates of tuition fees. Only one will apply to you (depending on your eligibility and circumstances).

1. **Government Subsidised Fee** - you could be eligible for a government-subsidised rate under the Skills First funding depending on your age, educational history, and citizenship or residency status. If you are eligible, the government will contribute to the cost of your training.  
[Find out more about subsidised training](#)
2. **Government Subsidised Concession Fee** - If you are eligible for a Skills First government-subsidised place and hold a current healthcare or pension card, that you can provide at enrolment, you may be eligible for the concession rate. Note, the concession rate is not applicable to Diploma level courses.  
[Find out more about concession rates](#)
3. **If the course is a Free TAFE course or part of the Free TAFE Pathways Program** - Eligible students will not pay course tuition fees for the duration of their enrolment in this course, however, there may be some consumable/material fees for the course (find out more below). Any resource or material costs, or booklist items for this course are listed in the table below.  
[Find out more about Free TAFE](#)  
[Find out more about Free TAFE Pathways Programs](#)
4. **Full fee** - If you are not eligible for a Skills First government-subsidised place, exemption, concession or are enrolling in a course that isn't government-subsidised, you may be required to pay the full fee rate.

### FIND OUT MORE ABOUT FEES AND ELIGIBILITY

The fees listed below are indicative only. The course fees published are subject to change given individual circumstances at enrolment. Course fee funding is made available to eligible individuals by the Victorian and Commonwealth Governments. If funding is utilised, this may affect opportunities to access additional funding in the future. An accurate quote for this course will be provided during the enrolment process.

Course fees by student type	Indicative Course Fee
Government subsidised rate (if eligible)	\$3,500.00
Concession rate	\$700.00
Full fee rate (if not eligible for govt subsidy)	\$5,970.00

  

Additional course fees	Indicative Course Fee
Course consumable/materials (approximate)	\$616.25

## Resource and/or materials costs

Some courses require specific resources or materials necessary for your study eg: tools of the trade, excursions, etc. Final costs will be determined upon enrolment.

## How do I pay my fees?

Once we have processed your enrolment form, you will receive an email with your invoice.

You have [three options when organising your payment](#):

1. [Upfront payment](#) - can be made over the phone with EFTPOS
2. [Payment plan](#) - can be directly debited from your bank account or via a [VET Student Loan](#) (for diploma or advanced diploma courses only)
3. [Paid by employer, school or job network agency](#) - if your fees are being paid by your employer, school or job network agency, you will need to complete an Authority to Invoice form.

Payments will need to be arranged within five(5) business days of receiving the email containing your invoice.

We also offer a range of [scholarships](#) each year which you may be eligible to apply for to assist with course fees.

## Next Steps

*Ready to take the next step? Here you can make an enquiry, attend an information session or begin the application process.*

## How to apply

There are [five simple steps to apply for a course](#) with us.

1. Apply - complete a [short online application form](#). Once this form is submitted we'll send you a thank-you email.
2. Literacy and Numeracy Assessment - we will assess whether you need to undertake a Language, Literacy and Numeracy (LLN) assessment and email it to you if required.  
If you are not required to undertake this assessment, you will skip to step 3.
3. Chat to our team - your teacher or course specialist will contact you to discuss the course in more detail and ensure the right units of study are selected for you.
4. Enrol – you will be sent an email to accept your offer for the course. By accepting, you will be directed to verify your details and submit your enrolment for processing.
5. Pay - once we've completed your enrolment, we will send you an invoice to arrange [payment of your course fees](#).

If you need any assistance with applying, [contact our team](#) on 1300 648 911 or visit your nearest campus.

## Careers and Course Advice

Not sure which course is right for you? South West TAFE will help you find your way.

Our Careers Coaches at the [Skills and Jobs Centre](#) is here to support you. Whether you're exploring career options, transitioning from school to the workforce or looking to study after school we're here to help you.

## Student Support

As a SWTAFE student, you can access a variety of support services that will enhance your study experience and help you complete your studies successfully. For more information about any of these services, [visit our student page](#).