



All Hands on Deck Maritime Training

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STCW95 – v – General Purpose Hand (GPH) Course

All Hands on Deck Maritime Training is a Registered Training Organisation (RTO) with the Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA) and an 'Approved' Provider with NSW Maritime. We have been conducting maritime training courses since 2004.

We receive many inquiries regarding the differences between the STCW95 Basic Training Certificate & the General Purpose Hand (GPH) Certificate and have provided this information to assist you in deciding which course is appropriate to your career aspirations.

What is a STCW95 Basic Safety Training Certificate?

The Standards for Training, Certification and Watchkeeping (STCW) was introduced into the maritime industry in 1978 by the International Maritime Organisation (IMO), of which Australia is a signatory, as a result of marine accidents involving human error. An amendment to the original STCW78 was introduced in 1995 (now known as STCW95) with a requirement for all persons wishing to work on seagoing vessels trading interstate or in international waters to complete the STCW Basic Safety Training Course with specific training as follows:

- Personal Survival Techniques
- Elementary 1st Aid
- Personal Safety & Social Responsibilities
- Fire Prevention and Fire Fighting

Career Opportunities:

The STCW95 Certificate of Basic Safety Training on its own has limited application. In accordance with Marine Orders Part 3 (Seagoing Qualifications) Section 20.1 states:

A person who does not hold a certificate of competency, a certificate of recognition, a certificate of proficiency (integrated rating) or a certificate of rating is only qualified to be engaged in a capacity on board ship as part of the ship's complement with designated safety or pollution prevention duties if that person holds a certificate of safety training.

In other words there is a requirement to undertake additional training and obtain sea time (with additional costs) to obtain a certificate of competency or proficiency. Some positions where the STCW95 may be used, for instance, are in the hospitality (bar, steward, stewardess etc) sector with designated passenger safety roles. Most people use this Certificate to work in the Super Yacht (White Boat) Industry.

Course Costs:

Costs vary depending on whether the certificate issued by the training organisation is recognised by AMSA however you can expect costs of between **\$1800.00 and \$2200.00**

What is a General Purpose Hand (GPH) Certificate?

Vessels working in the coastal or near coastal area come under the authority of State Authorities such as Queensland Marine or NSW Maritime. While there are some similarities in the training of STCW95 and GPH candidates there are also some differences. In particular a GPH Certificate will allow for employment on a larger number of vessel around the coast without undertaking additional training. Training for the GPH Certificate includes the following:

- Survive at Sea in the event of vessel abandonment
- Elementary 1st Aid
- Assist in Safe Operations and Emergency Procedures on a Coastal Vessel
- Contribute to Communication and Teamwork on a Coastal Vessel
- **Assist in Routine Deck Operations within the Limits of Responsibility of a General Purpose Hand**

The similarities between the two Certificates usually allow STCW95 Certificate holders to have their Certificate recognised however there is a requirement to complete a 1 day 'gap' course to complete training in the area in bold above. (This training includes Rope and Anchoring Handling, Helmsman and Lookout duties, Splicing, Knots, Hitches, Vessel Survey & Operating Areas, Emergency & Safety Equipment etc)

Career Opportunities:

Opportunities exist nationwide on Ferries, Tugs, Whale Watch Boats, Dinner Cruise Boats, Tourist Excursion Boats, Landing Craft, Mooring Barges, Fuel Barges, Fishing Charter Boats, Dive Boats, Fishing Trawlers, Workboats, Dredgers, Marinas, Police Rescue Boats, Dolphin Watch Boats, Survey vessels, Customs Patrol Vessels, Pilot Vessels, Fisheries Patrol Boats etc.

Course Costs:

The course can be commenced at any time and cost **\$890.00**.