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Use of industry-specific training certificates on ships of up to 15 metres

Purpose

This information is for organisations holding or applying for approval of their industry training plan and approval to issue industry-specific training certificates, and for holders of industry-specific training certificates. It addresses an inconsistency between Maritime Rules 31 and 35.

The purpose of this advice is to clarify that industry-specific training certificates issued under Rule 35 may meet the crewing requirement for vessels of 15 metres (m) or less, and are not limited to use on vessels of 6m or less (as is currently indicated in Tables 14 and 15 of Rule 31).

Maritime New Zealand proposes to incorporate this clarification in a future amendment to Part 31. In the meantime, holders of industry-specific training certificates are able to exercise the privileges of their certificates on vessels of up to 15m, in accordance with the conditions of their certificates.

Background

Rule 35.70(4) states that a person who holds an approval under 35.70 may issue industry-specific certificates for the operation of craft that are 6m or less in length overall, or non-passenger boats that are not fishing boats, are 15m or less in overall length, and operate only within restricted limits.

Tables 14 and 15 in Rule 31 set out the crewing requirements for non-passenger ships operating in restricted limits and show that, for ships less than 6m, an industry-specific certificate is permitted as an alternative to a Skipper Restricted Limits (SRL) certificate. However, the tables do not indicate that industry-specific training certificates may be used for ships between 6m and 15m.

Planned changes to Maritime Rules 31

MNZ will seek to amend Tables 14 and 15 in Maritime Rule 31 to give effect to Rule 35.70(4)(b). The entry for master of vessels less than 24m will read "SRL or, for vessels less than 15m, industry-specific training certificate issued under Part 35". The entry for master of vessels less than 12m will read "SRL or industry-specific training certificate issued under Part 35". The intended changes are shown in the updated versions of Tables 14 and 15 reproduced below.

Table 14 Crewing for non-passenger ships – Inshore Limits

Ship length	Minimum Required Certificates		Minimum crew
	Position	Certificate	
24m or more but less than 500 GT	Master Mate Engineer	SRL <500GT SRL <24m In accordance with flow chart and may be master	2
Less than 24m	Master	SRL <24m or, for vessels less than 15m, industry-specific training certificate issued under Part 35	1
	Engineer	In accordance with flow chart and may be master	
Less than 12m	Master	SRL or industry-specific training certificate issued under Part 35	1
	Engineer	In accordance with flow chart and may be master	
Less than 6m or operating within a marine farm	Master	SRL or industry-specific training certificate issued under Part 35	1

Table 15 Crewing for non-passenger ships – Enclosed Limits

Ship length	Minimum Required Certificates		Minimum crew
	Position	Certificate	
24m or more but less than 500GT	Master Mate Engineer	SRL <500GT SRL <24m In accordance with flow chart and may be the master	2
Less than 24m	Master	SRL <24m or, for vessels less than 15m, industry-specific training certificate issued under Part 35	1
	Engineer	In accordance with flow chart and may be the master	
Less than 12m	Master	SRL or industry-specific training certificate issued under Part 35	1
	Engineer	In accordance with flow chart and may be the master	
Less than 6m or operating within a marine farm	Master	SRL or industry-specific training certificate issued under Part 35	1

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