

Boat Licencing

This course is our most popular because all steps are covered on the same day! It includes the Practical Boating Course, the Boating Knowledge Course and the Boating Knowledge Test.

Boat and PWC Licencing

This course is made up of the Boat Licencing Course and the PWC Knowledge Test to obtain both Boat and PWC licence.

Practical Boating

This practical boating experience is in a small group, where each participant gains skills and confidence by spending time at the wheel of a training vessel with an outboard motor, launching and recovery of boats as well as mooring, docking, anchoring and man overboard.

Boating Knowledge Course theory & test

This course is a step-by-step, classroom presentation about channel markers, navigation lights, collision regulations, boat wash, speed, compulsory safety equipment and everything you need to know to safely drive a boat.

Boating & PWC Knowledge Course theory & test

This course is a step-by-step, classroom presentation about channel markers, navigation lights, collision regulations, boat wash, speed, compulsory safety equipment and everything you need to know to safely drive a boat and PWC

PWC (Jet Ski) Upgrade - must hold boat licence to complete

Complete a compulsory knowledge test.

*applicants must complete a boating knowledge test first or, hold a general boat licence

What to Bring

Identification

You will need to bring your Australian Drivers Licence (or other acceptable proof of Identification).

Clothing:

Clothing should be casual clothing suitable for the practical boating components.

Shoes should be deck shoes, joggers, sandshoes or work boots (no open-toe shoes such as thongs).

Boating and PWC Knowledge Tests

These tests are **NOT** available online. All theory and practical tests must be completed face-to-face within the presence of an accredited Maritime Trainer and Assessor.

There are 50 multiple choice questions

- 20 - the first 20 must ALL be answered correctly
- 30 - the next 30 questions must have 24 answered correctly for New South Wales tests

The PWC licence knowledge test cannot be attempted until the General Licence knowledge test has been successfully completed or the applicant holds a current boat licence.

- 15 - PWC multiple choice questions of which 12 must be answered correctly

Literacy

You must be able to communicate orally in English. If you have difficulties in this regard we recommend that you [contact NSW Maritime](#) or visit your local NSW Maritime office who will arrange an appointment with an interpreter.

We are also able to conduct the tests orally for applicants with special needs.

Do I have to study before the Practical Boating Course and Boating Knowledge Test?

Our trainers will cover all the rules and regulations, information about boating safety and everything you need to know to pass your Boating Knowledge Test.

However, NSW Maritime have some useful resources for pre-study.

NSW Maritime provide a [Boating handbook](#) to operate a vessel for recreational purposes on NSW waters. NSW Maritime also has [online study guides](#) to assist your learning and the [Boating Knowledge Quiz](#) is a very useful resource for studying and preparing for the knowledge tests. To learn about PWC / jet ski operations, we recommend the NSW Maritime [Personal Watercraft Handbook](#).

Applying for a boat or PWC licence

To [apply for a general boat](#) or [PWC licence](#) you'll need to provide:

- Proof that you have passed the knowledge test and provide evidence of practical boating experience (issued by Sea School International dependent on the course booked)
- A completed licence application form
- Acceptable proof of identity
- Young adult applicants must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian who must provide acceptable proof of identity
- PWC driving licence applicants must also provide two passport acceptable photos
- Payment for the [licence fee](#)

You can attend a registry or service centre in person or post in your application.

NSW State licensing fees

Similar to a driver's licence, you will also have to pay a state government fee to [NSW Maritime](#) to obtain your boat and PWC licence. One, three, five and ten year licences are now available.

NSW Maritime Licence Fees, as of 1 July 2019		
	Boat	PWC
One (1) year Licence	\$62	\$190
Three (3) year Licence	\$167	\$415
Five (5) year Licence	\$263	\$649
Ten (10) year Licence	\$470	\$941
One (1) year Concession or person aged under 16 years	\$31	\$95
Three (3) year Concession or person aged under 16 years Licence	\$84	\$208
Five (5) year Concession or person aged under 16 years Licence	\$132	\$325
Ten (10) year Concession or person aged under 16 years Licence	\$235	\$471
Replacement Licence	\$20	\$20