



Radiocommunications (Maritime Licensing) Amendment Instrument 2026 (No. 1)

The Australian Communications and Media Authority makes the following instrument under subsection 110A(2) and subsection 132(1) of the *Radiocommunications Act 1992*.

Dated:

Member

Member/General Manager

Australian Communications and Media Authority

1 Name

This is the *Radiocommunications (Maritime Licensing) Amendment Instrument 2026 (No. 1)*.

2 Commencement

Each provision of this instrument specified in column 1 of the table commences, or is taken to have commenced, in accordance with column 2 of the table. Any other statement in column 2 has effect according to its terms.

Commencement information	
Column 1	Column 2
Provisions	Commencement
1. The whole of the instrument	<p>The later of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) the start of the day after the day this instrument is registered on the Federal Register of Legislation; and(b) the commencement of the <i>Radiocommunications (Qualified Operators – Maritime) Determination 2026</i>. <p>However, the provisions do not commence at all if the event mentioned in paragraph (b) does not occur.</p>

Note: The Federal Register of Legislation is available, free of charge, from www.legislation.gov.au.

3 Authority

This instrument is made under subsection 110A(2) and subsection 132(1) of the *Radiocommunications Act 1992*.

4 Amendments to licence condition determinations

Each instrument that is specified in Schedule 1 is amended as set out in the applicable items of Schedule 1, and any other item in Schedule 1 has effect according to its terms.

5 Variation to class licence

The instrument that is specified in Schedule 2 is varied as set out in the applicable items of Schedule 2, and any other item in Schedule 2 has effect according to its terms.

Schedule 1—Amendments to licence condition determinations

(section 4)

Radiocommunications Licence Conditions (Maritime Coast Licence) Determination 2025 (F2025L01130)

1 Subsection 5(1) (definition of GMDSS certificate including the note)

Repeal the definition.

2 Subsection 5(1) (note 1, paragraphs (c) and (i))

Repeal the paragraphs.

3 At the end of section 9

Add:

Note: See also the condition in paragraph 108(2)(e) of the Act, and the *Radiocommunications (Qualified Operators – Maritime) Determination 2026*, or any instrument replacing that determination.

4 Section 12

Repeal the section.

5 At the end of section 14

Add:

Note: See also the condition in paragraph 108(2)(e) of the Act, and the *Radiocommunications (Qualified Operators – Maritime) Determination 2026*, or any instrument replacing that determination.

6 Section 17

Repeal the section.

7 At the end of section 21

Add:

Note: See also the condition in paragraph 108(2)(e) of the Act, and the *Radiocommunications (Qualified Operators – Maritime) Determination 2026*, or any instrument replacing that determination.

8 Section 29

Repeal the section.

9 At the end of section 33

Add:

Note: See also the condition in paragraph 108(2)(e) of the Act, and the *Radiocommunications (Qualified Operators – Maritime) Determination 2026*, or any instrument replacing that determination.

10 Section 41

Repeal the section.

***Radiocommunications Licence Conditions (Maritime Ship Licence)
Determination 2025 (F2025L00314)***

11 Subsection 5(1) (definition of AIS satellite communication (ship-satellite))

Repeal the definition.

12 Subsection 5(1) (definition of GMDSS certificate including the note)

Repeal the definition.

13 Subsection 5(1) (note 1, paragraphs (c) and (h))

Repeal the paragraphs.

14 Subsection 5(1) (note 2, paragraph (a))

Repeal the paragraph.

15 At the end of section 7

Add:

Note: See also the condition in paragraph 108(2)(e) of the Act, and the *Radiocommunications (Qualified Operators – Maritime) Determination 2026*, or any instrument replacing that determination.

16 Section 10

Repeal the section.

17 Section 13

Repeal the section, substitute:

A person must not operate a maritime ship station for Automatic Identification System (AIS) purposes otherwise than:

- (a) on one of the following frequencies:
 - (i) 156.775 MHz (channel 75);
 - (ii) 156.825 MHz (channel 76);
 - (iii) 161.975 MHz (channel AIS 1);
 - (iv) 162.025 MHz (channel AIS 2); and
- (b) at a transmitter output power not exceeding 12.5 W pY.

Note 1: The technical characteristics of VDES, including AIS and ASM, are described in Recommendation ITU-R M.2092 (Technical characteristics for a VHF data exchange system in the VHF maritime mobile band). Recommendation ITU-R M.2092 is available, free of charge, from the International Telecommunication Union's website at www.itu.int.

Note 2: Channels 75 and 76 may also be used for the purpose of navigation-related communications in accordance with Appendix 18 of the Radio Regulations. The Radio Regulations are available, free of charge, from the International Telecommunication Union's website at www.itu.int.

Schedule 2—Variation to class licence

(section 5)

Radiocommunications (Maritime Ship Station) Class Licence 2025 **(F2025L01131)**

1 Subsection 5(1) (note 2)

Insert:

(aaa) ultra high frequency;

2 At the end of section 11

Add:

- (3) A person must not operate a maritime ship station on an ultra high frequency mentioned in Schedule 1 unless the person holds:
- (a) GMDSS certificate; or
 - (b) one of the following certificates of proficiency:
 - (i) Marine Radio Operator Certificate of Proficiency with the Marine Satellite Communications Endorsement;
 - (ii) Marine Radio Operator VHF Certificate of Proficiency with the Marine Satellite Communications Endorsement;
 - (iii) Short Range Operator Certificate of Proficiency with the Marine Satellite Communications Endorsement;
 - (iv) Long Range Operator Certificate of Proficiency with the Marine Satellite Communications Endorsement;
 - (v) Restricted Radiotelephone Operator Certificate of Proficiency with the Marine Satellite Communications Endorsement; or
 - (c) a qualification recognised by AMSA as equivalent to a GMDSS certificate, in accordance with Division 4 of *Marine Order 70 (Seafarer certification) 2014*.

Note 1: For paragraph (a), GMDSS certificates are issued in accordance with Subdivision 3.2 of Division 3 of *Marine Order 70 (Seafarer certification) 2014*, which is available, free of charge, from the Federal Register of Legislation at www.legislation.gov.au.

Note 2: For paragraph (b), certificates of proficiency are issued under section 121 of the Act. Some of the certificates of proficiency mentioned in paragraph (b) may no longer be issued. More information about certificates of proficiency is available, free of charge, from the ACMA's website at www.acma.gov.au.

Note 3: For paragraph (c), *Marine Order 70 (Seafarer certification) 2014* is available, free of charge, from the Federal Register of Legislation at www.legislation.gov.au.