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The Small Vessel Code lays out the differing levels of competence that a candidate must achieve in order to obtain a certificate for the level desired. The Code is the National Standard and any person who desires to train or examine small vessel skippers shall adhere to the specifications and level of knowledge detailed therein

To operate a vessel, smaller or equal to 9 meters, with an engine larger than 15hp, on dams, rivers, sea and in harbors in South Africa, a skipper license is required. The penalties for operating without a license are high and inspectors are clamping down on those operating without a license.

Our instructors are all registered with the South African Maritime Safety Authority (SAMSA) who is the license issuing authority in South Africa

Courses are held in Pretoria and venues are dependent on the size of the class. We do courses in other areas for classes of 10 and more.

We offer the following two courses:

R-LICENSE – Dams and Rivers

The R license allows the holder to cruise on dams, rivers, lakes lagoons and where allowed, harbors in South Africa.

Requirements:

- Copy of ID document (must be 16 years or older)
- Four passport/id photos. Can be colour or black and white with a light background
- Medical certificate (See attached)
- Log of a minimum of 25 hours on dams and/or rivers. To be signed by the applicant/student. (See form attached)
- Pass the SAMSA approved examination paper.

E-LICENSE – 1 Nautical mile from shore and maximum 15 nautical miles from a safe port.

Requirements:

- Copy of ID document (must be 16 years or older)
- Four passport/id photos. Can be colour or black and white with light background.
- Medical certificate. (See attached)
- Log of a minimum of 50 hours on the sea. To be signed by a licensed sea skipper. (See form attached)
- Copy of the E-licensed Skipper's license.
- Copy of the E-licensed Skipper's ID
- Pass the SAMSA approved examination paper.

The skipper's course is a one-day event and includes theory and a practical demonstration. We meet at 8am, have some coffee and start formally at 8:30. We normally finish between 2pm and 3pm.

On successful completion of the course, a temporary license, valid for 6 months, will be issued on the same day of the course. SAMSA will forward the permanent license during the 6-month period.

The temporary license can only be issued if all the relevant documents are handed in.

Course Fees:

R2, 200.00 p/p in Pretoria

R2, 400.00 p/p in other areas.

Manual.

The manual is part of the course fee. You will receive a copy at the venue.

NB

Please bring a ruler, pencil, pen, calculator and highlighter.

To book your seat, we will need a R500.00 deposit. Please use the following bank account:

Bank Details:

Bank: First National Bank (FNB)

Account Name: Skipper Online

Account Number: 624 555 61194

Branch Code: 25 06 55

Account Type: Current/Cheque

Reference: Your Name

Send proof of payment to skipper@skippercourses.co.za

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

1. Do I need a licensed skipper to sign off my log for the 'R' license?
No, the applicant can sign it himself
2. Can I upgrade from an R-license to an E-license?
Yes you can. As soon as you have the required sea hours, you can apply to SAMSA for an upgrade. There is a small fee applicable.
3. What happens if I fail the exam?
The exam paper is divided in modules for which you must get 50% - 60% per module- depending on the module. Experience has shown that in some cases students might have a problem with one module while flying through the other modules. In the case of failing a module, we will invite the student back, revisit the module(s) and let him/she rewrite the module(s). This is normally at no extra costs. It is the aim of the instructor to ensure that his students understand the material and can write the exam successfully.
4. Can I do an oral exam instead of writing?
Yes you can. You do find people that clamp up when they have to write an exam or might have a condition like dyslexia, stress etc. and have difficulties in writing the exam. A person, other than the lecturer, can be appointed to conduct the oral exam.
5. Do I need to study beforehand?
The subjects are covered in detail during the theory session and are revisited during the practical session. We recommended that students have a good night's rest, do not stress and ask questions during the sessions should they not totally understand any of the material.

MEDICAL DECLARATION

I, the Medical Practitioner,

a) *Declare the applicant for the purposes of handling and navigating a small power vessel limited at sea and all inland waters. Under or equal to 9 meters.*

FIT OR **UNFIT** *Please mark with X*

b) *Declare that all the particulars furnished by me on this form are true and correct.*

SIGNATURE: _____

MEDICAL PRACTITIONER: _____

PLACE: _____

PROVINCE: _____

PRACTICE NAME: _____

PRACTICE TEL NO: _____

ADRESS: _____

OFFICIAL STAMP

PARTICULARS OF CANDIDATE

SURNAME: _____

FULL NAMES: _____

I D NUMBER: _____

RESIDENTIAL ADRESS: _____

POSTAL ADDRESS: _____

CONTACT NO: CELL NO: _____ HOME: _____

SEA TIME FOR CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY "E"
BY APPLICANT

Full names and surname _____

Identity no: _____

Address _____

Home no: _____ Cel no: _____

SHELTERED LAUNCH: The skipper, who must be in possession of a valid sea skipper license, need to supply the following particulars of the applicant's cruising experience. A minimum of 50 hours at sea is required by law before a skipper's license may be issued.

Date	Launch Site	Skipper name	License no	Vessel size	Hours	Signature

The certifying authority may suspend or cancel the certificate if found to be wrongfully or fraudulently issued.

SWORN AFFIDAVIT

I _____ Id no _____

Hereby swear under oath that I comply with the above.

Applicant's signature (in the presence of a Commissioner of oath) _____

I certify that before administering the oath /affirmation, I asked the deponent the following questions and wrote down his/her answer in his/her presence.

1) Do you know and understand the contents of this declaration? Answer _____

2) Do you have any objection to taking the necessary oath? Answer _____

3) Do you consider the prescribed oath binding on your conscience Answer _____

I certify that the deponent has acknowledged that he/she knows and understands the contents of this declaration, which was sworn to/ affirmed before me, and the deponent's signature was placed thereon in my presence.

RANK: _____

COMMISSIONER OF OATHS; _____

DATE: _____

PLACE: _____

LOG FOR CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY "R"
BY APPLICANT

Full names and surname: _____

Identity no: _____

Address: _____

Home no: _____ **Cel no:** _____

Date	Venue	Hours	Activity	Skipper	Signature

Total Hours _____

Signature Student: _____