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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, on dams, rivers, sea and in harbours 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 issues the skipper licenses.

Courses are held in Pretoria and venues are dependent on the size of the class. Other towns/area can be arranged 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, harbours in South Africa.

Requirements:

- Copy of ID document (must be 16 years or older)
- Two passport/id photos. Can be colour or black and white.
- 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 the coast and maximum 15 nautical miles from a safe port.

Requirements:

- Copy of ID document (must be 16 years or older)
- Two passport/id photos. Can be colour or black and white.
- 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
- A sworn statement by the E-licensed Skipper that the hours reflected are correct and true.

- 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 3pm and 4pm.

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

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

Course Fees:

R2,200.00 p/p in Pretoria

Manual.

The manual is part of the course fee. You will receive a copy at the venue but should you feel you need it before then, please contact us to arrange a copy.

NB

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

To book your seat, we will need an 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 9m.

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 ADDRESS: _____

POSTAL ADDRESS: _____

CONTACT NO: CELL NO: _____ HOME: _____

SKIPPERS LOG / CATEGORY E

TRAINEE NAME: _____

DATE	VENUE	HOURS	ACTIVITY	SKIPPER	SIGNATURE

TOTAL TRAINING HOURS RECORDED:

DATE: _____

SKIPPER'S REGISTRATION NUMBER: _____

SKIPPER: _____