



A boating safety initiative of Maritime Safety Queensland

Boyne Island Environmental Education Centre BoatSafe RMDL Course Information 2021V1

The following information comes from the MSQ website:

BoatSafe is a competency-based training and assessment scheme modelled on national guidelines for the safe operation of recreational boats. The scheme is designed to increase the rigour of training and assessment processes that lead to a recreational marine driver licence.

NOTE: To obtain a Queensland recreational marine driver licence you must be aged 16 years or older.

WHO

This course is run by **Boyne Island Environmental Education Centre (BIEEC)**.

We are an agent for **Allstate Boat Licensing & Training (Allstate)**.

We are currently only running courses with online theory and a practical boating session.

STEP 1: ONLINE TRAINING

The theory component of the course will need to be completed online. It is a Maritime Safety Queensland (MSQ) requirement to have this completed **prior** to undertaking any boating practical components.

Enrol at: <https://boatlicenceqld.com/>

Course type: **Boat Licence**

The location for this course is: **Boyne Island**

Please note: It is not necessary to completed the "Proposed Assessment Date" section of the enrolment.

NOTE:

- If online training has not been completed you will not be able to sit practical component of course.
- If you do not finish the course within **one month**, you will need to start again.
- Please complete the course & on-line assessment **48 hours** before validation and practical assessment so that staff have time to process results. *If you do not you may not be permitted to complete the validation, assessment and practical training & assessment.*
- Failure to contact your Allstate Boat Licensing trainer AND complete the practical training within **3 months** of the date of completing the on-line assessment will result in *your online training becoming void and the theory training must be repeated.*

Please email boating@boyneislandeec.eq.edu.au if you need help with the course

When you have completed the online course, the system will send us an email to confirm you have passed and are ready to complete the next phase of the course.

STEP 2: VALIDATION OF LEARNING AND THOERY EXAM

Meet at: Boyne Island Environmental Education Centre, 61 Malpas Street, Boyne Island.

Validation of online knowledge through a local boating presentation along with the theory exam will occur at BIEEC classroom. This is approximately 2.5hrs.

STEP 3: BOATING PRACTICAL SKILLS AND ASSESSMENT

Boating practical training and assessment takes place along the Boyne River. Participants make their way down to Bray Park boat ramp (some transport can be offered) and boating skills are taught in our boat/s to complete the course. Our boats are easy to operate and an induction will be provided.

NOTE: Some participants may need to have a short break and return to do practical components in the afternoon.

An approximate itinerary for the day may look like the following:

Time	Activity
8.00	Meet at BIEEC - Review enrolment and paperwork. Validation of knowledge and local boating presentation
9.30	Theory exam (incl. possible retest)
10.30	Discussion on practical boating expectations
11.00	Boating practical skills and boating practical assessment (Group 1)
	Lunch break (Group 2)
13.30	Boating practical skills and boating practical assessment (Group 2)
	course complete (Group 1)
16.00	Retrieve vessel/s – course complete (Group 2)

COSTS

The cost for the course is **\$250.00** payable prior to the course commencing. If the course is cancelled due to lack of numbers, we can refund the course fee or rebook for another date.

NOTE: To confirm your booking, please ensure you have made payment **3 days** (Wednesday) prior to course date. *Unconfirmed bookings may result in a course being cancelled due to insufficient numbers.*

Reissue of a current Certificate of Competency (triplicate form) if lost or damaged will incur a **\$30** fee. **NOTE:** A Certificate of Competency is valid for 6 months from the date of issue. Failure to submit it to Queensland Transport Customer Service Centre for your licence within 6 months will result in the Certificate becoming invalid and **ALL** assessment must be repeated. *This further assessment will incur additional fees.*

The current fee for the boat licence from Queensland Transport & Main Roads as of 1st July 2020 is **\$114.90**. *This is paid directly to Qld. TMR and is not included in course fees.*

TO SECURE YOUR PLACE

1. Fill out the enrolment form.

NOTE: The enrolment form must be completed and returned to the Centre.

2. Return it to BIEEC by either:
 - a. Emailing it to boating@boyneislandeec.eq.edu.au (if you choose this option you will be asked to sign it on the day of the course).
 - b. Drop it off to 61 Malpas St, Boyne Island.

NOTE: Your place in the course will be **confirmed only upon** receipt of the enrolment form & **payment**.

3. Payment can be made in person via correct cash, eftpos at our office or direct deposit.

Account details: Boyne Island Environmental Education Centre
BSB: 064-705 **Acct No.** 00091115

For direct deposit, please use a reference: "RMDL <yoursurname>"
(We cannot receipt your payment without this reference)

WHAT YOU NEED TO BRING

- Suitable photographic identification (either driver's licence, passport or student ID) or ID bearing signature of the candidate.
- Appropriate clothing and footwear (hat, sunglasses, closed in shoes that will get wet).
- Lunch (tea and coffee will be available)

CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY

Boatsafe training and assessment is competency based and as such incorporates a blend of theory and practice. Training and assessment covers the range of competencies set by Marine Safety Qld under the Boatsafe Competency Standard. Completion of this course will see the participant issued with a Certificate of Competency, It is the licence candidate's responsibility to ensure the Statement of Competency is presented to a Queensland Transport Customer Service Centre within 6 months to obtain a Recreational Marine Drivers Licence (RMDL). Licence applicants will also need to pay the prescribed licence application fee and satisfy the evidence of identity requirements using the photographic identification (either drivers licence, passport or student ID) or ID bearing signature of the candidate presented at the course.

There are no exams to complete at Queensland Transport & Main Roads.

NOTE: If the licence candidate fails to present the Statement of Competency to Queensland Transport in the 6-month timeframe, the Statement of Competency becomes invalid. In this situation, the licence candidate would need to approach BIEEC for further assessment via recognition of prior learning and resitting both theory and practical assessment to acquire another Statement of Competency, which would remain valid for a further six months. **This further assessment will incur additional fees.**

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

Marine Safety Queensland issue a Boatsafe workbook each year.

This workbook can be downloaded for FREE from the Maritime Safety Queensland website

https://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/-/media/busind/accreditations/BoatSafe/BoatSafe_Wkbk_6thEd.pdf?la=en

BoatSafe RMDL Competency Standard

<https://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/-/media/busind/accreditations/BoatSafe/0916/boatsafe-rmdl-competency-standard-0916.pdf?la=en>

NOTE: SMOKING IS NOT PERMITTED ON SCHOOL GROUNDS.

If you need to smoke, please do 10 metres from the boundary during breaks. Any butts or packaging littered will end up in our beautiful Boyne River, so please dispose of your litter thoughtfully.

Access and Equity

BIEEC is committed to the fair and equitable treatment of all persons regardless of their age, race, colour, gender, or political or religious preference. BIEEC will assist and support licence candidates wherever possible and ensure all candidates are treated equally.

By law, a person must be **16 years of age to obtain a Queensland Recreational Marine Drivers Licence**. However, persons of age **15 years and 6 months may participate in BoatSafe training and assessment** during the lead up to their sixteenth birthday as BoatSafe Certificate of Competency remains valid for a period of six months from the date of issue. In this situation and in accordance with the law the **licence candidates will not be able to apply for their Recreational Marine Driver Licence until they turn 16 years of age and with Statement of Competency within the 6-month timeframe.**

Medical Fitness of Students

All students undertaking an approved BoatSafe training and assessment program, or applying for Recognised Prior Learning, must complete a 'Recreational Marine Driver Licence and Personal Watercraft Licence -

Medical Fitness Disclosure Statement' form before enrolment. A student who discloses a medical condition may, on agreement with BIEEC, continue the training and assessment program, however, on successful completion of the training and assessment, BIEEC will send the student's Statement of Competency to the BoatSafe team. MSQ will make medical fitness determinations in consultation with qualified health professionals.

Conduct

Acceptable behaviour and standard of dress is required. The operation of recreational vessels can be potentially dangerous, and licence candidates must at all times adhere to Allstate directions. Unacceptable and/or dangerous behaviour that causes a risk to the personal safety of others involved in training and assessment will not be tolerated and Allstate will exercise its right to remove offenders from the BoatSafe course without refund.

Language/Literacy/Numeracy

If you have any concerns regarding your language, literacy or numeracy skills as they apply to your completion of the BoatSafe course of training and assessment please inform Allstate. Allstate will assess the situation and every effort will be made to tailor course delivery to enable you to acquire and demonstrate the required skills and knowledge. Allstate can only issue Statements of Competency to licence candidates who demonstrate the competencies necessary to operate a vessel safely. Statements of Competency will not be issued in circumstances where a licence candidate's language, literacy, or numeracy prevents them from demonstrating the required competencies, or compromises their capacity to discharge their general safety obligation under the Transport Operations (Marine Safety) Act 1994. In this situation BIEEC will refer prospective licence candidates for numeracy, literacy and language support.

Complaint Procedure

If licence candidates experience any problems or are dissatisfied with any element of the course or services provided by Allstate, a formal complaint can be lodged to BIEEC. If BIEEC is unable to resolve the licence candidate's concern/s, or the conduct of BIEEC is the subject of concern, the matter will be referred to the Boatsafe Training Organisation Authority holder for resolution. All complaints will be independently reviewed, and a written response provided to complainants within 14 days of the referral of the complaint to Allstate.

Privacy Policy

Information licence candidates provide to Allstate will be retained on file in accordance with requirements of Maritime Safety Queensland. This information will be treated confidentially but may be made available to Maritime Safety Queensland upon request to assist the safety regulator in meeting its statutory duties.

CANCELLATION/REFUND POLICY

Please notify us on **(07) 4851 0333** or boating@boyneislandeec.eq.edu.au ASAP if you need to cancel so that we can offer your booking to someone else. Courses can be re-scheduled.

NOTE:

- Refunds will only be given to participants:
 - who cannot complete the course due to illness, or
 - cancel with at least 48 hours' notice, or
 - if the centre cancels the course due to inclement weather or lack of participants
- Failing the course (theory or practical) or when a return date to complete a course is required but a licence candidate fails to attend DOES NOT QUALIFY as grounds for a refund.

FURTHER INFORMATION:

Maritime Services Queensland Website:

<https://www.msq.qld.gov.au/>

Allstate Boating website:

<http://www.boatlicensing.com.au/>

Department of Transport and Main Roads

<https://www.tmr.qld.gov.au>

