Government of **Western Australia**
Department of **Training and Workforce Development**

Diploma of Maritime Operations (Watchkeeper Deck)

National ID: MAR50320 | State ID:AC52

Elevate your maritime leadership

Advance as a skilled specialist with our course, qualifying you for roles like Master or Chief Mate on vessels in various waters. Be guided by expert mariners, gain leadership and communication techniques, overseeing stability, navigating international waters, and leading emergency response.

Ready to navigate your crew through rough or smooth seas? Further advance your maritime career and become a highly skilled specialist in a supervisory role.

This course will qualify you to work in international waters as a:

- Master or Chief Mate on vessels less than 500 gross tonnage in any operating area; and
- Watchkeeper deck officer on vessels of any gross tonnage and in any operating area.
- Master and chief mate on ships less than 3000 gross tonnage in near coastal waters.
- Able seafarer - deck

Gain these skills:

- maintain seaworthiness of the ship (ship stability)
- monitor, loading, unloading, securing and stowage of cargo
- contribute to fire prevention and firefighting (basic firefighting)
- follow vessel security procedures (security awareness training)
- observe personal safety and social responsibility (PSSR)
- prevent, control and fight fires on board a vessel (advanced firefighting)
- survive at sea in the event of vessel abandonment and personal survival techniques (PST)
- plan and conduct a passage and determine position
- use of electronic chart display and information system (ECDIS) to maintain the safety of navigation
- use of radar and other bridge equipment to maintain safety of navigation
- manoeuvre the ship
- maintain seaworthiness of the ship (ship construction)

Your qualification prepares you for roles such as:

Ship's Master

Further Study Option(s)

Advanced Diploma of Maritime Operations (Master Unlimited)

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Course Overview

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Location	Duration	Competitive	Selection criteria
Fremantle	Two semesters	Yes	Academic achievement and work history