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1. Citation

These regulations may be cited as the *W.A. Marine (Adjustment of Compasses) Regulations 1983* ¹.

2. Commencement

These regulations shall come into operation on 1 July 1983.


3. Application

These regulations shall apply to all vessels and voyages to which the Act applies.

4. Adjustment of compasses

(1) In this regulation —

*Code* means the Uniform Shipping Laws Code, referred to in section 115 of the Act, as in existence on 1 October 2009;

*licensed adjuster* means —

(a) the holder of a licence as an adjuster of compasses under regulation 5; or

(b) in relation to a vessel that does not exceed 35 metres in length —
(i) the holder of a licence as an adjuster of compasses (restricted) under regulation 5; or

(ii) a person who is a licensed compass adjuster as defined in the Marine Orders Part 21 (Commonwealth).

(1A) Subject to subregulation (2) the compass of a vessel must be adjusted, and a deviation card must be furnished, by a licensed adjuster —

(a) before an initial certificate of survey of the vessel is issued; and

(b) thereafter at intervals not exceeding —

(i) if the vessel is a new vessel as defined in Amendment List 7 to the Code as adopted on 7 November 2008 — 4 years; or

(ii) for any other vessel — 3 years.

(2) Where the chief executive officer is satisfied that a compass adjustment is not required or that an adjustment may be deferred without detriment to the safety of the vessel, the chief executive officer may exempt the vessel from compass adjustment for such period as the chief executive officer may determine.

(2a) A deviation card referred to in subregulation (1) shall be in a form approved by the chief executive officer.

(3) Without prejudice to the requirements of subregulations (1) and (2), the compass of a vessel must be adjusted, and a deviation card must be furnished, by a licensed adjuster in the following circumstances —

(a) if the vessel has undergone repairs or alterations of such a nature as is, in the opinion of the chief executive officer, likely to affect the accuracy of the compass;

(b) if the vessel has not previously operated from a port or place in Australia; and

(c) if the compass of the vessel is, in the opinion of the chief executive officer, unsatisfactory or unreliable.
5. Licence to adjust compass

(1) A licence as an adjuster of compasses or an adjuster of compasses (restricted) may be issued by the chief executive officer to a competent person.

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(3) A person is competent to be granted a licence as an adjuster of compasses if he is the holder of a certificate of competency as compass adjuster.

(4) A person is competent to be granted a licence as an adjuster of compasses (restricted) for the adjustment of compasses on vessels not exceeding 35 metres in length if he is the holder of a certificate of competency (restricted) as compass adjuster.


6. Certificates of competency

(1) The chief executive officer shall issue a certificate of competency as compass adjuster —

(a) without further examination and on payment of a fee of $10 to the holder of a certificate of competency as extra master, Class I or equivalent, issued or recognized under the Navigation Act 1912 of the Commonwealth;

(b) without further examination and on payment of a fee of $10 to the holder of a licence as a compass adjuster issued or recognized under the Navigation Act 1912 of the Commonwealth.
(2) The chief executive officer shall issue a certificate of competency (restricted) as compass adjuster for compasses on vessels not exceeding 35 metres in length, without further examination and on payment of a fee of $10, to an applicant who has, not more than 12 months before making the application, successfully completed a course for compass adjusters (restricted) conducted by the Australian Maritime College at Launceston and approved by the chief executive officer.

[Regulation 6 amended: Gazette 11 August 1992 p.3976.]

7. Restriction
A licensed adjuster must not adjust the compass of a vessel, or furnish a deviation card in respect of a vessel, of which he is the master.

[Regulation 7 amended: Gazette 11 Dec 2009 p. 5089.]

8. Offence
The owner or master of a vessel shall not send or take the vessel on a voyage or permit the vessel to begin a voyage unless the compass of the vessel has been adjusted and a deviation card furnished in accordance with the requirements of these regulations.
Penalty: $1 000.

9. Repeal
[Omitted under s. 7(4)(f) of the Reprints Act 1984.]
Notes

1 This is a compilation of the *W.A. Marine (Adjustment of Compasses) Regulations 1983* and includes the amendments made by the other written laws referred to in the following table. The table also contains information about any reprint.

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2 Regulation 4(2)(b) was repealed in *Gazette* 15 February 1991 p.702.
## Defined terms

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