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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 regulation shall come into operation on 1 July 1983.

[2A. *Repealed in Gazette 15 February 1991 p.702.*]

3. Application

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

4. Adjustment of compasses

- (1) Subject to subregulation (2) the compass of a vessel shall be adjusted by an adjuster of compasses and a deviation card shall be furnished —
 - (a) before an initial certificate of survey of the vessel is issued; and
 - (b) thereafter at intervals not exceeding 3 years.

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- (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 shall be adjusted and a deviation card furnished 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.

[Regulation 4 amended in Gazette 5 August 1983 p.2839; 30 August 1985 p.3084; 16 October 1987 p.3896; 30 June 1989 p.1929; 1 August 1990 p.3644; 15 February 1991 p.702; 26 July 1991 p.3928; 30 June 1992 p.2905; 11 August 1992 p.3976; 29 June 1993 pp.3184-5; 14 June 1994 p.2486; 11 July 1995 p.2947; 25 June 1996 p.2998.]

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.
- (2) A person may adjust compasses and furnish and sign deviation cards for the purposes of these regulations only if he is the holder of a licence as an adjuster of compasses or, in the case of a vessel not exceeding 35 metres in length, the holder of a licence as an adjuster of compasses (restricted) issued under

these regulations or under the *Navigation (Compass) Regulations* of the Commonwealth.

- (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.

[Regulation 5 amended in Gazette 11 August 1992 p.3976.]

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 in Gazette 11 August 1992 p.3976.]

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7. Restriction

Subject to regulation 4(2)(b) ², the holder of a licence as adjuster of compasses or adjuster of compasses (restricted) shall not adjust the compass of a vessel, or furnish a deviation card in respect of a vessel, of which he is the master.

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.]

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Notes

- ¹ This reprint is a compilation as at 18 June 1999 of the *W.A. Marine (Adjustment of Compasses) Regulations 1983* and includes the amendments referred to in the following Table.

Table of Regulations

Citation	Gazettal	Commencement	Miscellaneous
<i>W.A. Marine (Adjustment of Compasses) Regulations 1983</i>	1 July 1983 p.2191-2	1 July 1983 (see regulation 2)	
<i>W.A. Marine (Adjustment of Compasses) Amendment Regulations 1983</i>	5 August 1983 p.2839	5 August 1983	
<i>W.A. Marine (Adjustment of Compasses) Amendment Regulations 1985</i>	30 August 1985 p.3084	2 September 1985 (see regulation 2)	
<i>W.A. Marine (Adjustment of Compasses) Amendment Regulations 1987</i>	16 October 1987 p.3896	16 October 1987	
<i>W.A. Marine (Adjustment of Compasses) Amendment Regulations (No. 2) 1989</i>	30 June 1989 pp.1928-9	1 July 1989 (see regulation 2)	
<i>W.A. Marine (Adjustment of Compasses) Amendment Regulations 1990</i>	1 August 1990 pp.3643-4	1 August 1990 (see regulation 2)	
<i>W.A. Marine (Adjustment of Compasses) Amendment Regulations 1991</i>	15 February 1991 pp.701-02	15 February 1991	
<i>W.A. Marine (Adjustment of Compasses) Amendment Regulations 1991</i>	26 July 1991 p.3928	1 August 1991 (see regulation 2)	
<i>W.A. Marine Amendment Regulations (No. 2) 1992, Part 2</i>	30 June 1992 p.2905	1 July 1992 (see regulation 2)	
<i>W.A. Marine Amendment Regulations 1992, Part 2</i>	11 August 1992 p.3976	11 August 1992	

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<i>W.A. Marine Amendment Regulations 1993,</i> Part 2	29 June 1993 pp.3184-5	1 July 1993 (see regulation 2)	
<i>W.A. Marine Amendment Regulations 1994,</i> Part 2	14 June 1994 p.2486	1 July 1994 (see regulation 2)	
<i>W.A. Marine Amendment Regulations 1995,</i> Part 2	11 July 1995 p.2947	11 July 1995	
<i>W.A. Marine Amendment Regulations 1996,</i> Part 2	25 June 1996 p.2998	25 June 1996	

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