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W.A. Marine (Adjustment of Compasses) Regulations 1983

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.

[2A. Deleted 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.
- (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

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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.]

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

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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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- ¹ This is a compilation 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.