



Vessel Traffic Services

Basic Operator Training (VTSO-BT)

Scheduled Dates

- 20 September-1 October

Course Fee

AUD \$6,100

Includes:

- AMC Search writing materials
- Course notes
- Morning and afternoon tea

Course Duration

10 days

Venue

AMC Newnham Campus

Contact Details

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Launceston Tas 7250
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Course Aim

The course being offered by AMC is approved as meeting the requirements IALA VTS Operator V/103. In order to meet the IALA specified learning outcomes, within the nominated course duration, the course will have a significant Recognition of Prior Learning process, detailed in the pre-requisites listed below:

Course Prerequisites:

This program is intended for presently serving VTS Operators who meet the following criteria:

1. Are currently in post at a VTS Centre for a continuous period of not less than 12 months.
2. Have successfully completed all studies leading to a State or nationally recognised marine navigation certificate at a minimum level of Master Class 5, and a maximum level of STCW95 OOW qualification. **NOTE:** Participants with other qualifications which are deemed appropriate by their Port to enable them to meet the required IALA level within the 2 week on-campus component will be accepted.
3. If not included in the above certificate, have successfully completed studies leading to a radar observer's certificate.
4. Have been issued with a document signed by the VTS Authority attesting to:
 - a. Fluency in the English language; and
 - b. Successful participation an emergency exercise during the past 12 months.

Pre-course participant assessments:

Participants meeting the pre-requisite criteria will be invited to complete a pre-commencement training needs assessment, which will be conducted at AMC.

This assessment will consist of a written answer paper (multiple-choice/short answer) to a series of questions related to the 8 elements of the AMC VTSO-BT program:

- Language
- Traffic Management
- Equipment
- Personal Attributes
- Emergency Measures
- VHF Radio
- Communication Coordination

Participants who do not hold GMDSS General Operator Certificates will be required to undergo detailed assessment in order to ensure their existing knowledge meets the requirements of the IALA Section 5 - Communication Coordination and Section 6 – VHF Radio.

Participants who hold a recognised certificate, and who score below the required level, would be provided with revision during the two week course and would have the opportunity to re-take the test during the course.

- Nautical Knowledge

A more detailed assessment will involve a written evaluation of 24 questions related directly to the IALA Section 4 - Nautical Knowledge.



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Pre-course VTS operations assessments:

Additionally, participating ports will be required to complete an 'Initial Assessment of Vessel Traffic Systems' which will form a basis for determining experiential learning of participants.

Delivery Strategy

The course will be held at AMC over 10 calendar days comprising (nominally)

- Lectures and exercises 35 hrs
- Simulation and situational analysis 35 hrs
- Directed study and assigned projects 15 hrs

Each participant will have the same 35 hours of lecture and simulation, however, based on the results of needs assessment, the instructional staff can individualise the exercises, situational analysis, directed study and assigned projects to challenge and develop participants to reach their personal potential within the IALA levels of competency.

Times

0900-1700 (*may vary on individual timetables*)

Course Approval

This course complies with the requirements of Section A-V/1, Para 2-7, STCW78 as amended and is approved by AMSA.

Certificate

Participants who satisfactorily complete the course will be issued:

- IALA approved AMC VTS Basic Operator (V-103-1) Certificate
Participants must then apply to AMSA for their Training Record Book.

Delivery Strategy

The course will be delivered by classroom theory and practical hands-on sessions.

Assessment Strategy

Full attendance and participation during the course

Safety Information

Course participants are requested to note the following safety information:

Enclosed footwear must be worn at all times. The AMC Occupational Health & Safety requirements will be adhered to throughout the course. Government regulations prohibit smoking in classrooms or within 10 metres of buildings.



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Application

Online via: <http://www.amcsearch.com.au/courses/>

This facility provides for course fees to be paid by a secure online transmission of your credit card details. Credit card payments are processed using eWAY secure online payment technology. Mastercard, Visa, Amex and Diners are accepted.

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On-Campus Accommodation

Norfolk Hall is self check-in, and offers motel style accommodation with queen or king size beds, television, fridge and ensuite bathroom facilities. Rates are: \$75 per night. All meals are available for purchase from AMC Cafeteria. For further information and to make a reservation, please contact a short course team member, or refer to: <http://www.amcsearch.com.au/home/accommodation/>

Terms

1. To secure your enrolment, payment of 50% of the course fee is required. Cancellations up to 15 working days prior to the scheduled date will be accepted without penalty. Cancellations less than 15 working days will be subject to 100% cancellation fee.
2. AMC Search reserves the right to cancel the course if insufficient registrations have been received by seven days from commencement of course. Any fees paid for cancelled courses will be refunded in full.
3. When making flight bookings please ensure you book on a fully refundable basis.