

GMDSS COMMUNICATIONS STCW

COURSE ALSO KNOWN AS:
GLOBAL MARITIME DISTRESS AND SAFETY SYSTEM

Designed for participants who wish to apply for an AMSA GMDSS General Operator's Certificate (GOC). Australia's best-equipped GMDSS training facilities.

A GMDSS simulator in our Sydney Study Centre simulates all GMDSS equipment on ships, from DOS-based systems to the latest touch-screen systems. It also offers shore-based radio stations for hands-on experience. Launceston students train in a live GMDSS laboratory.

GMDSS is taught by Sanjiv Bhatia, a highly-rated and experienced maritime lecturer who combines teaching with crewing on bulk carriers, tankers and passenger ships.

WHO SHOULD PARTICIPATE?

Anyone who wishes to apply for an AMSA GMDSS General Operator's Certificate (GOC).

ENTRY GUIDANCE

Participants will require a working knowledge of English as a second language and basic proficiency in the use of computers is required to undertake this course.

CERTIFICATION

The following certificate will be issued by AMC to participants who successfully complete* the course:

- GMDSS General Operators Certificate Course (AMSA approved), meeting the requirements of STCW Reg IV/2 and Code Section A-IV/2, Table A-IV/2

**100% attendance, full participation and completion of all exercises is required.*

APPROVED BY

Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA).

AMSA approved, in accordance with Marine Order 70 (Seafarer Certification) 2014, Section 21A.

Participants are entitled to apply for a Global Maritime Distress and Safety System General Operator's Certificate, issued by the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA).

ACCEPTED BY

Antigua and Barbuda Department of Marine Services and Merchant Shipping | Bahamas Maritime Authority | Bermuda Shipping and Maritime Authority | Maritime Authority of the Cayman Islands | Marine Department of Hong Kong | Liberian Registry | Republic of Marshall Islands Maritime Administrator | Panama Maritime Authority.

This is a very good course, and the concepts were delivered well. The lecturer is excellent, and his communication and delivery of this course is exceptional.



DURATION: 10 days

AMSA APPROVED COURSE

COURSE DATES:

23 November - 04 December 2026 |

Launceston, TAS | \$3,150 [JOIN WAITLIST](#)

RELATED COURSES

[GMDSS Renewal](#)

REGISTRATION TERMS

Face to face courses

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.

AMC Search reserves the right to cancel the course 15 working days prior to the scheduled date if insufficient registrations are received. Any fees paid for cancelled courses will be refunded in full.

When making flight bookings please ensure you book on a fully refundable basis.

PAYMENT TERMS

Online course registrations

Payment of course fees, or authorisation to invoice from your company, is required before access to the online learning environment is provided. Please note, it will take between 2-4 business days to provide your access to the online course if you have not studied previously with AMC Search, the Australian Maritime College or the University of Tasmania.

Self-funded registrations

Once payment is requested, it must be received by the stated deadline. If payment is not received and no contact has been made by that deadline, AMC Search reserves the right to remove you from the course.

Company sponsored registrations

All company-sponsored registrations must be supported by a valid Purchase Order (PO) within 7 days of registration. Please send the PO to AMCS.courses@utas.edu.au and include the student's name in the subject line. If these requirements are not met, AMC Search reserves the right to remove the student from the course.

PAYMENT OPTIONS

Payment methods accepted:

- Register now and pay later (payment required 15 days before the course starts)
- Credit Card (online or via (03) 6324-9850)
- Bank Deposit
- Company sponsorship.

Detailed payment options are available [here](#).

COURSE FEE INCLUDES

- Course notes and writing materials
- Morning and afternoon tea
- Complimentary WiFi access

LAUNCESTON, TAS

Location: Australian Maritime College, Newnham Drive, Newnham, Launceston, Tasmania.

Airport Transfers: Participants arriving at Launceston Airport should make their way to the Australian Maritime College, Newnham Drive, Newnham. Taxi fare from the airport is approximately \$55.00.

Parking: Complimentary car parking is provided on campus in areas designated to AMC

Search participants and clients.

Launceston Accommodation: On-campus accommodation in Launceston can be reserved via the online enrollment form. Further accommodation information is available [here](#), together with off-campus options.

NORFOLK HALL ON-CAMPUS ACCOMMODATION

We offer affordable on-campus accommodation that's ideal if you're taking part in a course at our campus in Launceston, Tasmania.

[Norfolk Hall](#) offers Motel Style accommodation for \$100 per night (bed only). On-campus accommodation in Launceston can be reserved via the online enrolment form.

Norfolk Hall is situated on the main campus of the Australian Maritime College at Newnham, Launceston, which is where most of our courses take place.

Accommodation at Norfolk Hall provides the following facilities:

- Queen size beds
- En-suite facilities
- Television
- Fridge
- Rooms serviced daily (excluding weekends)

Affordable meals are available at the on-site AMC Cafeteria.

You can reserve a room when you register for your course or via email AMCS.courses@utas.edu.au or telephone: +61 3 6324 9850.