

APPENDIX 5.1

STUDENT TRAINING – REQUIREMENTS AND TRAINING

MEDICALS – 24 hour voyages or longer

AMC policy is based on AMSA's requirements. AMSA states: Prior to undertaking a voyage of more than 12 hours steaming all students and instructors must have evidence of being medically fit.

Evidence of medical fitness can include a letter from a qualified medical practitioner attesting as to the fitness to undertake the voyages.

AMC policy: Medicals are regarded as valid for a period of 4 years.

Voyages – Less than 12 hours duration

AMC's policy is based on AMSA's requirement. AMSA states: Medicals are not required for day trips.

Student and staff self declarations

AMC policy: Student and staff self declaration required for all voyages irrespective of the date of the medical.

The importance of correct information on the self declaration to be stressed to students, "Bluefin" operates in remote locations at times.

AMC policy: The Master will make a risk assessment on medical changes and seek a medical practitioner's advice where necessary.

AMC policy: Student self assessment declarations must be completed 1 week before the intended voyage allowing time to assess any medical issues raised.

AMSA states: All staff and students to have ESS training.

AMC policy: Medical information is to be filed in the academics' National Centre until no longer required once the student leaves, this information is to be archived for 5 years then destroyed.

Footwear

Students participating in manual work involving processing of fish or maintenance activities are to have 2 pairs of shoes, i.e. sturdy and enclosed work boots for working on deck and clean enclosed shoes for the interior of the vessel.

Note: Thongs are not allowed onboard.

Students conducting fishing operation will be required to have enclosed footwear that covers the ankle area as many species of fish have spines that can cause injury. Gum boots/sea boots are the preferred option.

Appropriate clothing

Overalls or wet weather gear, dependant on activities undertaken.

Winter – Warm clothing including a beanie.

Summer – Sunglasses including a sun hat.

PPE provided onboard

Hard hats, hi Viz vests, safety glasses, dishwashing gloves for (fish handling) and sun block provided.

Sea sickness medication

Travel calm medication provided.

Accommodation

Linen, towels and clothes washing facilities provided.

Additional special requirements alongside or at sea

Additional activities may be undertaken onboard including but not limited to deck maintenance, working aloft, lifting gear and confined space entry practicals. Although if there is a requirement for special equipment, contact the Master: c.lambert@amc.edu.au

Note: any chemicals brought onboard must be accompanied by a chemical safety data sheet and brought to the Master's notice before departure.

Operational safety

JSAs will be required before undertaking any high risk training drills or fishing activities.

The academic in charge will be responsible for the development of new JSAs with input from ship's crew.

The Master will conduct a safety briefing before high risk activities are undertaken.

All ships personnel will be present during the briefing on exercises to be undertaken.

Students are not to be left unsupervised at any time whilst high risk activities are undertaken.

High risk activities

- Demersal trawling
- Dredging

- Longline fishing
- Deep sea crab fishing
- Drop line fishing
- Fire and abandon ship drills
- Deck maintenance
- Working aloft
- Derrick operations
- Confined space entry
- Mooring operations
- Student transfer (work boat activities)

Job safety analyses

JSAs are available onboard for the above activities, although there are variables that will change during the course of a voyage, which may impact on the safety of the proposed activities.

Environmental conditions etc which must be taken into account at the time.

The use of specialised equipment of which the crew have no expertise operating will require the personnel responsible for the equipment to develop JSAs with input of the vessel crew.