

# Coastguard Boating Education

## Course Prospectus

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### Maritime VHF Operator's Certificate (MVOC)

Under the Radiocommunications Act 1989, it is a legal requirement that anyone wishing to operate a marine VHF radio holds the appropriate operator's certificate. For operators of marine VHF radios, the minimum legal operator certification is the Maritime VHF Operator's Certificate (MVOC).

This MVOC course syllabus is aligned with that specified by Radio Spectrum Management (RSM) as being required for this certificate. RSM is the government agency responsible for managing the radio spectrum in New Zealand.



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### Maritime VHF Operator's Certificate: Course Details

- Qualification:** Maritime VHF Operator's Certificate (MVOC)
- Aim:** To obtain a working knowledge in the use of a marine VHF radio and an EPIRB.
- Duration:** 30 (notional) hours of learning which includes all planned learning activities, including revision and assessment, which lead toward the achievement of the learning outcomes.
- Unit Standard:** The learning outcomes for this course also meet the requirements for NZQA Unit Standard 19491 v3.

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### Maritime VHF Operator's Certificate: Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of the course syllabus a student will be able to demonstrate knowledge of:

1. Marine VHF radiocommunications
2. The standard features of marine VHF radios and EPIRBs
3. New Zealand marine VHF Radio Service providers
4. Routine marine VHF radio calling procedures and operating techniques
5. Marine VHF radio distress calling procedures
6. Marine VHF radio urgency and safety calling procedures

**Note:** This course does not include use of MF/HF - SSB radio. Refer to the Maritime Restricted Radio Operator's Certificate (MRROC) prospectus.

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# Maritime VHF Operator's Certificate: Course Delivery Options

## Online Course

The online course can be successfully engaged with on both Mac and PC desktops and Apple and Android tablets, provided the appropriate web browser is used. The recommended browsers are Chrome, Firefox or Microsoft Edge. Many course components contain audio, so speakers or headphones are required.

The online course consists of interactive activities, readings, supplementary resources such as online articles and videos, and knowledge reviews. Successful completion of the four assessment components is required to be awarded the Maritime VHF Operator's Certificate.

Your online learning journey is assisted by an online facilitator who is available to answer your queries and offer support while you learn.

**Note:** The online course and assessment remains available for 15 weeks from the date of your enrolment. If, after this duration, you have not completed the course, you will be automatically un-enrolled.

**Price:** \$90.00 (including GST)

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## Classroom Course

Learn in a small group environment at one of the many education centres throughout the country. All CBE tutors are experienced, knowledgeable and come from a marine background. Many have spent several years in the industry so their knowledge and skills are far-reaching. These practical sessions are designed so students and tutors can learn together in an interactive environment.

**Price:** \$125.00 (including GST) - Please note: The assessment is paper based, in the classroom.

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## Maritime VHF Operator's Certificate: Assessment

The MVOC assessment is conducted online. There are four separate components to the assessment, each being open book and time limited. All assessment components must be successfully completed to achieve competency in the required knowledge outcomes, and gain your certificate.

In the event of an assessment component being close to achieving competency, a course assessor may contact you to obtain further evidence of your knowledge. In the event of an attempt being marked as not yet competent, a stand-down period of 72 hours will apply to permit further revision, and you will be referred to your course tutor for guidance. Only two attempts at achieving competency are permitted for each assessment component.

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