

## Maritime Safety Queensland

# BoatSafe Information Bulletin - 003

## Practical assessments

### Purpose

This BoatSafe Information Bulletin is about the minimum practical demonstration criteria being completed to be able to assess a candidate as competent.

### Requirements

#### Situation

The BoatSafe Management Standard (August 2019) requires the BTP and student to complete certain tasks for the assessment of their competence. The PWC practical assessment statement is also required to be used when assessing a student for the issue of a Statement of Competency for a PWC.

#### Practical assessment requirements

Section 9.3 of the BoatSafe Manual requires the BTP to assess the competence of a student through practical demonstration of certain tasks.

The PWC Practical Assessment Statement (PAS) is a mandatory item for the BTP to sign and complete with the student also required to sign. The fields within the PAS form that require the licence candidate to demonstrate an activity **MUST** be competently demonstrated by every licence candidate to be deemed competent. It is expected that all areas where it is noted that the candidate is to practice an activity the BTP will provide for the candidate the opportunity to complete the practice until the candidate is competent in that activity.

Noting that the RMDL PAS is not currently a mandatory item for all parts of the BoatSafe program, a BTO should consider how they are ensuring their BTPs are assessing the competence of the students consistently for all sectors and the RMDL PAS may be a tool used to achieve this.

Those BTOs with BTPs found not to be using the PWC PAS are likely to be the subject of immediate administrative action that may result in the authority being suspended or cancelled.

Those BTOs with BTPs found to be not assessing the competence of students in all areas as required in RMDL Competency Standard may be issued with a show cause notice or have their authority suspended or cancelled.

#### Further Information

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