

## Maritime Safety Queensland

# BoatSafe Information Bulletin - 015

## Practical Demonstration, Practice and Assessment time

### Purpose

This BoatSafe Information Bulletin provides further detail to the Competency Standards minimum time frames currently prescribed in the BoatSafe program.

### Practical times for BoatSafe delivery

Recently conducted audits have demonstrated that practical operations for BoatSafe are not being applied. To provide more clarity the BoatSafe team has engaged with BoatSafe Queensland Inc., Queensland Water Police Service and the MSQ Marine Enforcement Team to practically apply both the boat and personal watercraft (PWC) competencies on the water.

The BoatSafe workshops held in 2019 provided an action of creating a *level playing field* for the trainers. Providing this guidance on these activities will provide support to achieve compliance and continue to support a relevant assessment process.

### Project 'Time Frames'

With the intent of identifying the current minimum time frames, MSQ undertook an analysis of the time it should take to complete the 3 requirements prescribed in the BoatSafe program. These are to *demonstrate, practice and assess* for each competency. Our findings are provided below for you and detailed in the attached Practical Assessment Statement.

MSQ recorded the length of time it took for a current BTP as the trainer and current BTP as the student to complete the activities. These were undertaken with the intent of assessing the minimum time an experienced student would take to complete the practical competencies.

Time to complete the prescribed activities for the boat run for 1 person were;

– Pre-departure brief	20 min
– Demonstration	26 min
– Practice by student (once only)	23 min
– Assessment	14 min
– Transit / Instruction time	21 min
Total time	<b>104 min (1 hr 44min)</b>

Time to complete the prescribed activities for the PWC were;

– Pre-departure brief	10 min
– Demonstration	13 min
– Practice	13 min
– Assessment	10 min
Total time	<b>46 min</b>

Note the PWC Transit / Instruction time as the activities were directly linked together to provide the fastest possible time.

## What does this mean for trainers?

We ask you to review your current practices for how you are managing your delivery of your course. If you are demonstrating, providing your student a chance to practice and when they are ready, assessing them and you are allocating less time for your first student then please touch base with the BoatSafe team or the BQI to discuss your process.

When the BoatSafe team undertakes an audit they will be looking at these times frames and how you have covered the prescribed competencies to determine if your process allows for a student to adequately demonstrate the skills required.

## Further Information

For further information contact the BoatSafe Team – [boatsafe@msq.qld.gov.au](mailto:boatsafe@msq.qld.gov.au)