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## Recreational dive Activity table

Activity	Description/conditions	Marine Licence requirements	
Launching of Rigid Inflatable Boat (RIB) or other Dive Vessel	A marine licence <b>is not</b> required for the launching of a vessel nor is one required for a deposit made in connection with the launching of a vessel.		No marine licence needed.
Anchoring at a dive site	A marine licence <b>is not</b> required for deposits made in the course of normal navigation.  <b>Note:</b> Some Marine protected Areas have bylaws in place that prohibit anchoring. You will need to check if there is a bylaw in place at the location of your proposed dive.  If anchoring is prohibited at the location a different location must be selected or the activity carried out without anchoring.		No marine licence is needed







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<b>Marking – Less than 24 hours</b>	A marine licence <b>is not</b> required for markers (including shot lines or similar) deployed for less than 24 hours.		No marine licence is required
<b>Marking – Longer than 24 hours but less than 28 days</b>	A marine licence <b>is not</b> required for markers (deployed and left unattended for longer than 24 hours but less than 28 days) in most cases <b>but notification to the MMO is required.</b>  The exemption only applies if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The marker is removed from the marine environment entirely before 28 days. (Moving the marker to a different location in the same vicinity for the same purpose does not reset the clock)</li><li>• the deposit will not cause and obstruction or danger to navigation; and</li><li>• Notification of the intention to carry on the activity is provided to the MMO in advance</li></ul>		No marine licence is required in most circumstances but you will need to ensure what you do will not cause an obstruction or danger to navigation and make sure you notify the MMO by completing an <a href="#">exemption notification form</a> .
<b>Marking – Longer than 28 days</b>	Markers deployed for more than 28 days require a marine licence.  In these circumstances the activity may be suitable for a self-service marine licence. Divers are encouraged to review the <a href="#">Self-service guidance</a> in the first instance paying particular attention to site sensitive factor criteria.		A marine licence is required.  <a href="#">Apply for a marine licence</a>





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<b>Surveying of a dive site</b>	A marine licence <b>is not</b> required to conduct surveys of shipwrecks, use survey lines or datums deployed for less than 24 hours.		No marine licence is required
<b>Dive trails – within restricted sites</b>	A marine licence <b>is not</b> required for a deposit or removal activity for the purpose of placing, securing or removing signage or other identifying markers for divers on wrecks protected under the <a href="#">Protection of Wrecks Act 1973</a> .  Trails on wrecks protected under the <a href="#">Protection of Military Remains Act 1986</a> are <b>excluded</b> from this exemption.  <b>Note:</b> See below requirements under other legislation		No marine licence is required
<b>Dive trails – other</b>	A marine licence <b>is</b> required for a deposit or removal activity for the purpose of placing, securing or removing signage or other identifying markers anywhere at sea other than in circumstances set out above.		A marine licence is required.  <a href="#">Apply for a marine licence</a>
<b>Removals – by hand</b>	A marine licence <b>is not</b> required to remove an object from the seabed provided the removal is made by hand alone.  <b>Note:</b> See below requirements under other legislation		No marine licence is required.
<b>Removals – airbag lifting</b>	A marine licence <b>is not</b> required to remove an object from the seabed using an airbag provided:		No marine licence is required






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<p><b>capacity of less than 100KG</b></p>	<p>1. the object does not require a <u>total</u> lifting capacity greater than 100KG; <b>and</b></p> <p>2. the object to be removed has not been on the seabed for longer than 12 months.</p> <p>Example A recently lost outboard motor or other objects the nature and condition indicate clearly that the item not been lost for a period of time in excess of 12 months.</p>		
<p><b>Removal - Airbag(s) lifting capacity of more than 100KG; or object on the seabed for more than 12 months.</b></p>	<p>A marine licence <b>is</b> required where either one or more of the following two statements are true:</p> <p>a removal activity requires an airbag(s) with a total lifting capacity greater than 100KG;</p> <p><b>or</b></p> <p>a removal where the object to be removed has been on the sea bed longer than 12 months.</p> <p>Example You wish to recover something that is part of an old shipwreck or the condition of the object is such that it is clear it has been lost for a period in excess of 12 months.</p>		<p>A marine licence is required.</p> <p><a href="#">Apply for a marine licence</a></p>



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<b>Removals using a vehicle, vessel, aircraft, marine structure or floating container</b>	<p>A marine licence <b>is</b> required for a removal activity using a vehicle, vessel, aircraft, marine structure or floating container, other than an airbag, irrespective of the lifting capacity required or the length of time the object has been on the sea bed. E.g. a winch system on a boat is needed to lift the object.</p> <p>In these circumstances the activity may be suitable for a self-service marine licence. Divers are encouraged to review the <a href="#">Self-service guidance</a> in the first instance paying particular attention to site sensitive factor criteria.</p>		<p>A marine licence is required.</p> <p><a href="#">Apply for a marine licence</a></p>
<b>Ascending from a dive</b>	<p>A marine licence <b>is not</b> required for delayed or permanently inflated SMBs</p>		<p>No marine licence is required</p>
<b>Taking photos or video of certain species</b>	<p>A marine licence <b>is not</b> required.</p> <p>Note: See below requirements under other legislation</p>		<p>No marine licence is required</p>