
Maritime and Coastguard Agency

Clarification for boat-masters using Standards of Training, Certification and Watch-keeping Convention

RPC rating: Validated

Description of proposal

The Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) has published clarifying guidance to accompany its training requirements for persons who hold a Boat-masters' Licence (BML) to work on non-seagoing vessels. The note clarifies the specific training courses that are not now required for licence-holders who work on non-seagoing vessels (as opposed to those that work on seagoing vessels). The note has been provided following a request for clarification from business.

Impacts of proposal

The assessment explains that the clarification note is expected to benefit those licence-holders who work solely on non-seagoing vessels. Such licence-holders will avoid the cost of undertaking courses in personal survival and fire safety. Based on a sample of 100 BML holders, the regulator expects that 1304 boat-masters, out of a total 3216 boat-masters, will benefit from not having to undertake this training. The cost of the training would have been an estimated £377, recurring every five years. The saving to business amounts to £490,000. The assessment explains that a very negligible familiarisation cost will be involved for boat-masters to understand that they no longer need to undertake the training.

The RPC verifies the estimated equivalent annual net direct cost to business (EANDCB) of -£0.1 million. This will be a qualifying regulatory provision that will score under the business impact target.

Quality of submission

The regulator has provided a concise and proportionate assessment of the costs and benefits associated with this note of clarification.

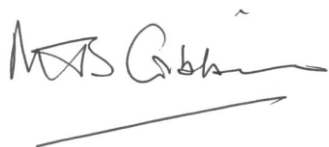
The assessment would benefit from a summary of the support from the affected businesses, as they requested the clarifying note in the first instance.

Departmental assessment

Classification	Qualifying regulatory provision (OUT)
Equivalent annual net direct cost to business (EANDCB)	−£0.1 million
Business net present value	£0.78 million

RPC assessment¹

Classification	Qualifying regulatory provision (OUT)
EANDCB – RPC validated	−£0.1 million
Business impact target score	−£0.5 million



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¹ For reporting purposes, the RPC validates EANDCB and BIT figures to the nearest £100,000