



SEAFOOD TRAINING CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

Seafood Industry Training Plan for 2009-10

A Seafood Industry Training Plan (SITP) is prepared each year and specifies the State Government subsidised seafood training in South Australia through the Seafood Training Centre of Excellence Inc.

For 2009-10, the Seafood Training Centre of Excellence Inc board has allocated 79% of its funding for regulatory-based training and 21% for non-regulatory training. Emerging training needs are being discussed with the industry, but in 2009-10 the funding has been prioritised towards regulatory training, and to a lesser extent, non-regulatory training. It was anticipated that the industry would need to maintain core regulatory skills in response to the global financial crisis so that businesses were given the opportunity to remain competitive.

The following tables list the seafood training funded for the 2009-10 financial year.

Regulatory Training Funded for 2009-10

	Rationale
Coxswain Master 5 (Skipper 3) Master 4 (Skipper 2) Marine Engine Driver 1 Marine Engine Driver 2	There continues to be demand for training in vessel operation and manning occupations as there is a need for workers to have the necessary qualifications to work in the industry. Funded based on training that is regulatory as the highest priority with the majority being specific units of competence.
Restricted Coxswain	Funded for the aquaculture sector given the likely demand for this training by the oyster industry.
Radio Telephony Shipboard Safety	Funded as a high priority to support units of competency that are a pre-requisite or are part of regulatory requirements for operating boats.
Seafood Diver	Funded based on the high demand for commercial divers in the seafood industry.
Food Safety Systems	Funded based on supporting training in Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points (HACCP) to enable people to design and maintain food safety systems, participate in teams responsible for food safety across a range of occupations and in support of approved arrangements.
Risk assessment	Funded to enable people in the industry to implement occupational health and safety policies and guidelines across occupations.

Non-Regulatory Training Funded for 2009-10

Certificate II in Aquaculture & Fishing Operations	Funded in recognition of the need to attract young people to the seafood industry to enable them to work as deckhands or farmhands.
Certificate II and III in Aquaculture	Funded for industry participants based on an expected similar level of demand to 2008-09. In recognition that aquaculture is likely to continue to experience growth and there will be the need for leading hands and supervisors / technical managers.
Certificate II and III in seafood processing	Funded based on the demand for processing workers. The training will be conducted in-house at business sites.
Diver Medical Technician	Funded as a high priority as it is likely that the demand for this specialised training will increase over the next twelve months following the review conducted by SafeWork SA.
Diploma in Aquaculture	Funded existing students to enable six aquaculture students to complete their studies in 2009-10.

Emerging Training Needs for 2009-10

Observer training	The Seafood Training Centre has commenced working with the prawn fishing sector, which will continue in 2009-10, to assist with the development of an accredited field observation training program to support their co-management observer program.
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