



Radio Operator – Learner Information

The Radio Operator Rating learning program provides on-the-job training to effectively operate a marine rescue radio within a Marine Radio Base (MRB) or Search and Rescue Coordination Centre (SARCC).

It will also ensure that learners develop the competencies required to legally transmit and receive communications in routine and operational situations using the organisation's communications systems and equipment.

The program aims to train new skills and knowledge while building on existing skills and knowledge gained through external workplaces or other volunteer organisations.

Units of Competency

Learners completing the Radio Operator learning program will gain the following units of competency:

Code	Unit of Competency
PUACOM001C	Communicate in the workplace
PUATEA001B	Work in a team
PUATEA004D	Work effectively in a public safety organisation
PUAOHS001C	Follow defined OHS policies and procedures
PUAOPE013A	Operate communications systems and equipment

At the completion of the Learning Program

At the completion of all required assessment activities, learners will receive the following:

- Rating certificate for MRNSW Radio Operator
- Statement of Attainment for the above Units of Competency

Enrolment and Entry Requirements

As a member of MRNSW you must meet the following prerequisites prior to enrolling for the Radio Operator learning program.

- Learners must hold a current Marine Radio Operator Certificate of Proficiency (MROCP) / Long Range Operator Certificate of Proficiency (LROCP)
- Learners must have completed the MRNSW Member Induction

To enroll into the Radio Operator learning program, please contact your Training Officer (TO) or Training Support Officer (TSO) to enroll.

Once enrolled, you will receive confirmation detailing your enrolment acceptance including information about your nominated program. If you do not receive notification regarding your program, please contact your TO or TSO.

Equipment required for your program

To participate in the Radio Operator learning program you will be required to dress appropriately, ideally in uniform or neat casual clothing with enclosed shoes.

Please ensure that you bring paper and pen with you to take notes.

Due to the nature of the assessment tasks of the Radio Operator learning program, participants are advised that mathematical questions will need to be completed.

To successfully progress through the program, learners must ensure they have read and completed the presentations and the Learner Activity Workbook for the Radio Operator learning program.

Learning Program Delivery

The Radio Operator learning program can be completed through one or a combination of different delivery methods to allow units to meet the needs of both the learner and trainer. Delivery methods are:

Self-Paced Learning

Face-to-Face Delivery

It is expected that this course will take up to six months to complete depending on delivery methods chosen.

Your TO will confirm the delivery methods with you.

Pre Learning Requirements

There are no pre learning requirements for the Radio Operator learning program.

Program Assessments – How will you be assessed?

Assessment is the process of collecting evidence and making decisions about whether you can perform to the standards expected in the workplace.

The units of competency that you are studying are the benchmarks or standards for assessment and they form the basis for the nationally recognised Statement of Attainment you will receive on successfully completing your program with MRNSW.



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MRNSW uses a range of assessment methods and tools to make a decision about your competency in the range of skills and knowledge required for this program.

The assessments used by MRNSW will include the following:

- Completion of the Learner Activity Workbook
- Completion of a Skills Log
- Completion of a Radio Time Log
- Operational Assessment

Can I obtain credit for my current certificates?

MRNSW is committed to ensuring compliance with the VET Quality Framework by recognising qualifications and Statements of Attainments issued by other Registered Training Organisations (RTOs).

Under the recognition principle MRNSW accepts the credentials issued by another Registered Training Organisation based in any State / Territory of Australia.

All current and potential learners who hold qualifications or Statements of Attainment from other RTO's will have these qualifications recognised and receive the appropriate credit transfers or recognition opportunities.

Can I seek RPL for Radio Operator?

Yes, to obtain a Radio Operator rating, you can request an RPL judgement by completing the necessary evidence and Operational Assessment. Please refer to SOP OP01 for further information about RPL.

How long does my Radio Operator qualification remain valid for?

Radio Operator rating remains valid as long as you demonstrate competency at this rating.

MRNSW requires the following to maintain your Radio Operator rating:

Rating	Validity Requirements
Radio Operator	Completion of your Radio Time Log Maintain active service with MRNSW as a Radio Operator

Learner Policies

If you require information on any policies that apply to learners undertaking studies with MRNSW including:

- Grievances
- Appeals
- Language, Literacy and Numeracy support

Please reference SOPs or seek assistance from the following members:

- Your Training Officer
- Your Training Support Officer
- Your Unit Commander
- Your Regional Training Manager

Fees

As a member of MRNSW, the cost of the program is free.

