

Minimum Criteria for Teachers

The following are guidelines for visiting teachers who are running an activity, as suggested by the Marine Teachers' Association.

All teachers should consult the DET Guidelines for Sporting activities on the Department website which covers most activities provided by the Pilot Station. These guidelines advise the minimum qualifications required by both teachers and students when participating in certain activities.

Activity	Minimum requirements
Access to Pilot Station	All teachers intending to access the Pilot Station must participate in a Pilot Station Safety Induction Briefing
All water activities	All on-water activities require a supervising staff member to have a current basic First Aid certificate, basic resuscitation certificate, a current record of swimming competence and a current boating licence.
Kayaking/ canoeing	Appropriate knowledge of technique and safety procedures, and a current Canoeing Guide certificate offered by Paddle NSW
Motor Boating	Supervising teachers should have participated in the Boat Smart Safe Boating course offered by the MTA at one of the Boat Smart Hubs, or an equal course offered by a private provider. Teachers should also have held a boat licence for at least 2 years, in addition to the suggested "All Water Activities" qualifications.
Sailing	Supervising teachers should have a minimum AYF Assistant Sailing Instructors Certificate (TL1) as offered by Sailing NSW, in addition to "All water activities" qualification
Rowing dinghies	Supervising teachers should have participated in the Boat Smart Safe Boating course offered by the MTA at one of the five Boat Smart hubs, in addition to the suggested "All water activities" qualification
Snorkelling	Supervising teachers should have a current skin diving/snorkelling instructors certificate as offered by NAUI International, SSI, PADI or similar accredited organisation, in addition to the suggested "All water activities" qualification
Stand Up Paddle	Supervising teachers should have a current surfing supervisors certificate as offered by APOLA or an equivalent accepted surfing supervisors qualification as stated in the DET Safe Sports document