
Joining Instructions: Course in Oil Spill Response Operations (IMO1 Equivalent) – Geelong 2025

Welcome

Dear Participant,

Welcome to the Australian Marine Oil Spill Centre (AMOSC). We're thrilled to have you on board. Our courses are crafted with meticulous care to meet the exacting standards expected by both you and the petroleum industry.

At AMOSC, we take pride in our role as Australia's leading organization dedicated to every aspect of oil spill operations and management. Our courses are built on the extensive practical experience of our expert staff, ensuring credibility and relevance in every course we deliver.

Specializing in competency-based training and assessment, AMOSC equips participants with the practical skills needed to respond effectively to oil spill incidents. The course you're about to undertake is accredited by The Nautical Institute, meeting the industry's growing demand for globally recognised and consistent training.

Throughout your journey with us, our experienced team will assess your progress, providing ample opportunities for you to showcase your capabilities and learnings. We're here to support you every step of the way, ensuring you have the guidance needed to succeed.

Our courses are designed to be highly interactive, creating a dynamic learning environment that enhances both your skills and knowledge. While the course may challenge you, we encourage collaboration with peers and engagement with our team to maximise your learning experience.

Please keep your joining instructions handy for course details and administrative guidance. Should you have any questions, our team is here to help.

On behalf of AMOSC and our dedicated team, we wish you a fulfilling and enjoyable learning experience with us.

Sincerely,

Jessica Miller

General Manager – Capability Building & Projects

Introduction

The Course in Oil Spill Response Operations (IMO 1 Equivalent) has been designed to meet the needs of member companies who have identified practical oil spill response, such as on-water or shoreline operations as part of their workforce requirements.

<p>Audience</p>	<p>This course is designed for people involved in the practical aspects of oil spill response. It is suitable for people with a hands-on role at oil facilities and marine terminals, personnel from government and industry.</p> <p>For responders, aspiring core group members and potential on-site team leaders.</p>
<p>Aim</p>	<p>To train and qualify personnel for employment as oil spill operators.</p>
<p>Objectives</p>	<p>At the end of this course, participants should be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Work within relevant legislation and guiding frameworks including OHS, the intergovernmental agreement and relevant contingency plans. 2. Identify characteristics of and assess oil spills, implement appropriate initial actions and identify and make appropriate notifications. 3. Implement appropriate initial actions and identify and make appropriate notifications in the case of an oil spill. 4. Apply knowledge of a range of oil spill response strategies to identify appropriate responses. 5. Apply knowledge to identify appropriate oil spill response equipment. 6. Record, communicate and distribute oil incident response information within the structured environment of an incident control centre. 7. Identify, inspect, prepare and operate oil spill response equipment. 8. Deploy equipment as outlined in the Incident Action Plan. 9. Ensure equipment is operational and stored ready for emergency use. 10. Liaise with the incident control centre to assess and plan layout of an oil spill response incident site including staging areas, temporary storage and removal of on-site oil spill waste. 11. Ensure outcomes identified in an incident action plan are met by the work team.
<p>Course Content</p>	<p>During the course, the following modules will be covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Australian Response Arrangements • Oil Spill Assessment • Characteristics of Spilt Oil • Oil Spills and the Environment • Health and Safety • Monitor and Evaluate

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dispersants • Protection and Deflection • Containment and Recovery • Shoreline Clean-up • Response Alternatives • Waste Management <p>This will be done through a mixture of lectures and practical exercises throughout the week.</p>
Pre-Reading	<p>With this Joining Instruction, you will also receive a Pre-Reading document containing relevant information about the training that you will be undertaking with AMOSC. These documents will contain links to AMOSC Training Policies, and the Pre-reading (page 6) required for the course.</p> <p>Please ensure you complete your pre-reading and your section of the Assessment Agreement (page 5) and bring it with you on the first day of the course.</p>
Assessment	<p>All AMOSC-accredited courses are competency-based training and include assessment to determine a participant's competence against the selected course learning objectives.</p>

Course Administration

Time	<p>Monday to Thursday: 8:30am – 5:00pm</p> <p>Please arrive 15 minutes early to ensure the day's scheduled activities are not interrupted.</p>
Location	<p>AMOSC Geelong can be accessed from Langdon Street or directly from Corio Quay Road. (Once on Langdon Street turn immediately left, follow this down to the AMOSC office on the right-hand side.) Map</p> <p>Car parking for all participants is available to the right of the AMOSC driveway.</p> <p><i>Geelong Taxis – Ph 131008</i></p>
Inclusions	<p>Onsite course catering is included as part of the course fee.</p> <p>Participants deemed competent will receive a certificate of completion at the conclusion of the course.</p>
Transport	<p>You will need to make your own way each day to the AMOSC Geelong office.</p>

<p>Clothing Requirements</p>	<p>Each day you will be spending time in the classroom, in AMOSC's warehouse and operating equipment in and around the marine environment (shorelines, from vessels, wharves, etc.).</p> <p>Standard dress for the warehouse and marine activities is OPERATIONS WORK PPE.</p> <p>Participants are required to bring the following: Long pants Hi-Vis long-sleeve shirt Safety boots Note. Victorian weather changes at a moment's notice –wet weather gear, warm clothing and sun protection are required.</p> <p>Provided PPE Personal Flotation Device (PFD) Gloves Safety Glasses Hard Hat Hearing Protection Hi-visibility vests</p>
<p>Other Requirements</p>	<p>Drink bottle: We want to ensure everyone stays hydrated while minimising our environmental impact. In line with our commitment to sustainability, we kindly request that each participant bring their own drink bottle to the sessions.</p> <p>We understand that it is easy to forget, so rest assured, we will have contingency arrangements.</p> <p>Your cooperation in helping us maintain an environmentally friendly approach to our sessions is greatly appreciated.</p>
<p>Port Access</p>	<p>During your visit to AMOSC, you will be entering Geelong Port. You are required to complete an online induction prior to attending the course, a link will be sent to your nominated email address.</p> <p>Once this has been completed you will be required to print and sign the induction certificate and email this to amosc@amosc.com.au.</p> <p>Photo ID is required to be carried at all times when visiting Geelong Port.</p> <p>Note: There is no charge to you for the induction process.</p>

Contact	<p>For further details, please contact AMOSC, on amosc@amosc.com.au or 03 5272 1555.</p> <p>After hours and emergency assistance: 0438 379 328</p>
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Required actions by participant:

<p>No later than 2 weeks prior to course start date.</p>	<p>1. Geelong Port Induction</p>	<p>Complete induction via the link emailed to you.</p> <p>Sign induction certificate and return via email as per instructions above.</p>
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