
Joining Instructions: Course in Oil Spill Response Command & Control (IMO 3 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 Command & Control (IMO 3 Equivalent) has been designed to meet the needs of member companies who have identified senior staff members as potential incident controllers of oil spill response incident management teams.

The course provides a practical and theoretical grounding in key oil spill response incident management techniques and applies these learnings through intensive functional desktop exercises that simulate an incident management team environment.

Audience	Senior industry or government personnel who may be required to fulfil the role of an Incident Controller for marine oil spill response. Experienced emergency managers from other disciplines; aspiring incident controllers with strong oil industry or oil spill response knowledge.
Aim	To train and qualify personnel for potential appointment as Oil Spill Incident Controllers.
Objectives	<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 set range of oil spill response strategies to identify appropriate response. 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. Develop appropriate oil spill response strategies taking account of social-economic, environmental and insurance considerations. 8. Lead a multi-agency oil spill management team to develop and implement ongoing response 9. Monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of oil spill response strategies and implement alternate strategies if necessary. 10. Communicate technical details of an oil spill response to stakeholders including government and media 11. Make decisions under pressure of changing situations and timeframes.

Course Content	<p>During the course the following modules will be covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of spill response which includes Australian response arrangements and incident command systems. • Oil spill response initial actions including oil spill assessment, characteristics of spilled oil, oil spills & the environment. • Oil spill response techniques which includes monitor and evaluate, dispersants, protection and deflection, containment and recovery, shoreline clean-up, response alternatives, ending an oil spill response. • Oil spill response critical areas which includes oiled wildlife response, waste management, media and communications, liabilities, claims and compensation, developing an Incident Action Plan, health and safety. • Clarifying roles and responsibilities which is conducted through extended tabletop exercises and equipment deployments.
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>
Pre-Course Work	<p>A link to your pre-course work will have been sent in your email booking confirmation. Please ensure 2 weeks out from your course that you have the current version of the pre-reading which can be found on our website.</p> <p>Please ensure you complete this task and bring it to the course on Day 1 as it forms part of your assessment.</p>

Course Administration

Time	<p>Monday to Thursday: 8:15am – 5:00pm</p> <p>Please arrive 15 minutes early on DAY 1 to ensure all requisite paperwork can be completed.</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.)</p> <p>Map</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>Parking is available in front of the AMOSC building or in the overflow carpark that is adjacent to our location.</p> <p><i>Geelong Taxis – Ph 13 10 08</i></p>

Clothing Requirements	<p>Each day you will be spending time in the classroom. Standard dress for classroom activities is neat casual dress.</p> <p>On Monday, you will also be spending time in the AMOSC warehouse. Long pants, long sleeve shirts and enclosed footwear is required (casual business attire is suitable).</p> <p>Provided PPE Gloves Safety Glasses Hard Hat Hearing Protection Hi-visibility vests</p>
Other Requirements	<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>
Port Access	<p>During your visit to AMOSC, you will be entering Geelong Port. You are required to bring photo ID as part of the induction process.</p>

Further Details:

Contacts	<p>For further details, please contact AMOSC at 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:

1 Week Prior	1. Pre-reading and pre-course assignment	Complete pre-reading and Pre-course assignment and bring on Day 1 of course. Found at website .
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