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Boat License/Operator Competency Requirements

The Competency of Operators of Pleasure Craft Regulations require that all operators of pleasure craft **fitted with a motor** have proof of competency and proof of age on board at all times.

How the Regulations Apply to Non-Residents of Canada

The Regulations **apply** to non-residents of Canada:

- If they operate their pleasure craft in Canadian waters for more than 45 consecutive days or,
- If they operate a pleasure craft that is licensed or registered in Canada (including rented or chartered boats).
- The Regulations **do not apply** to non-residents who operate their pleasure craft in Canadian waters for less than 45 consecutive days. Please note that a proof of residence will be required on board at all times.

Acceptable Proof of Competency for Non-Residents of Canada

For non-residents, proof of competency can take one of three forms:

- A Canadian-issued pleasure craft operator card.
- A completed boat rental safety check-list (for power-driven rental boats).
- An operator card or equivalent that meets the requirements of their state or country.

http://www.tc.gc.ca/eng/marinesafety/debs-obs-quick-quick_visitor-1610.htm

Acceptable Proof of Competency for Residents of Canada

Residents of Canada require proof of competency. Proof of competency can take 1 of 3 forms:

- A Pleasure Craft Operator Card;
- Proof of having successfully completed a boating safety course in Canada prior to April 1, 1999; or,
- A completed rental-boat safety checklist.

http://www.tc.gc.ca/eng/marinesafety/debs-obs-paperwork-paperwork_operator-360.htm