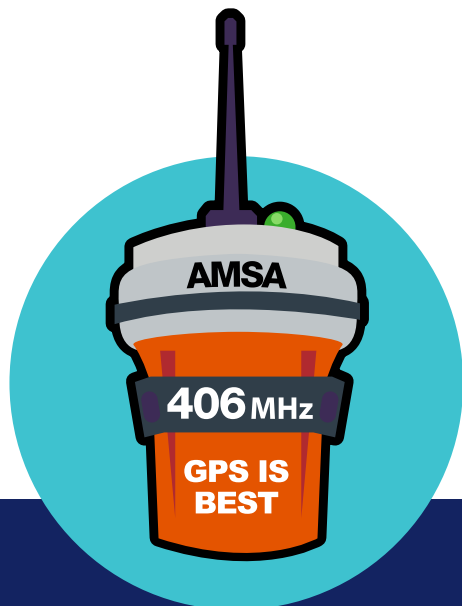


From 1 January 2021, many domestic commercial vessels must install a float-free emergency position indicating radio beacon (EPIRB).

It's the law.

The change in safety requirements is to save lives and prevent further tragedies where vessels have sunk too quickly for the EPIRB to be manually activated.

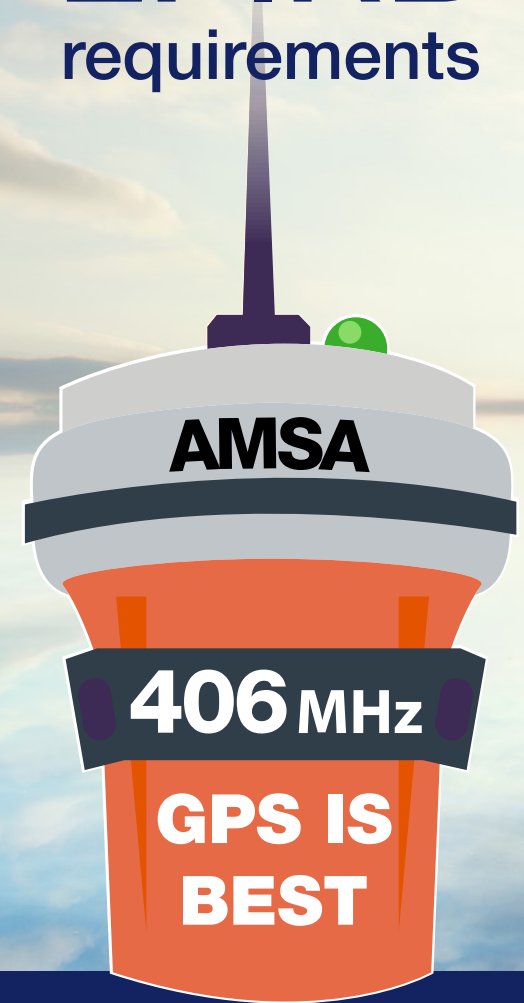


Register and update your EPIRB details online at amsa.gov.au/beacons
Phone **1800 406 406**



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Changes to EPIRB requirements



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If your vessel is operating beyond 2 nautical miles seaward from land in one of the following categories, you have until 1 January 2021 to install a float-free EPIRB.



Passenger, non-passenger, commercial fishing vessels

- equal to or greater than 12 metres
- less than 12 metres and operating in B or C waters **without level flotation.**



Hire and drive

- equal to or greater than 12 metres and operating in C waters
- less than 12 metres and operating in C waters **without level flotation.**



Option for vessels less than 7.5 metres without level flotation

Instead of a float-free EPIRB, you may choose a GPS EPIRB, if everyone on board wears a lifejacket.



Check your EPIRB is installed correctly before you head out on the water.

Float-free EPIRBs are mounted in a bracket and have a hydrostatic release that automatically activates once submerged in 1-4 metres of water.

Follow the manufacturer's instructions to fit the bracket to your vessel, and check the EPIRB is correctly aligned in the bracket every time you leave shore.

For more information on float-free EPIRBs, visit amsa.gov.au/float-free or phone us on 1800 406 406.



GPS is BEST