

TASMANIAN PORTS CORPORATION

Pilotage Exemption Certificates Guidance for applicants

The Master of a vessel greater than 35m length overall must ensure the services of a Pilot are employed when the vessel is in a Tasmanian pilotage area. However, the Master of an exempt vessel is exempt from the requirement to employ a Pilot if they are the holder of a Pilotage Exemption Certificate (PEC).

Marine and Safety Tasmania (MAST) has an agreement with the Tasmanian Ports Corporation P/L (TasPorts) for the management of vessel and pilotage services within port pilotage areas in Tasmania. The agreement covers a range of Functions in relation to pilotage, including the examination and issuing of PEC's.

In Tasmania, PEC's are regulated under the ***Marine and Safety (Pilotage and Navigation) Regulations, 2017***.

The Regulations detail the eligibility requirements and prerequisites for PEC's. Further requirements for obtaining a PEC are detailed under the Marine Pilotage Code, a copy of which is available on the TasPorts website.

This guidance document contains information to assist a Master seeking a PEC.

Tasmanian port pilotage areas are listed below.

NOTE: *A pilotage exempt Master must hold an appropriate and current PEC endorsed for the nominated port(s), area(s), zone(s), vessel or vessel size, and must be Master of the vessel not engaging a Pilot. PEC's are not transferrable between Masters, vessels or ports.*

The PEC process involves several elements, including:

- Eligibility requirements, including qualifying voyages that may be specific to the vessel and its intended area of operation.
- Examination detail, which may include a written section, blank chart, oral questions, and practical assessment of knowledge and ability conducted during the qualifying and check trips under the supervision of a TasPorts Marine Pilot.

PEC requirements may vary subject to the nature of the vessels operation, and the vessel length overall.

Prior to undertaking any training trips, the intending PEC applicant should first notify their intent, and discuss their particulars with the TasPorts Harbour Master. The Harbour Master will assess and advise the particular requirements to achieve a PEC.

Pilotage Exemption Certificate Process;

1. Ensure you can meet the Certificate of Competency and Medical requirements.
2. Notify the TasPorts Harbour Master. The Harbour Master will assess and advise particular requirements, including to arrange for the issue of any relevant examination detail.
3. Meet the eligibility requirements, ref Regulation 15 & Marine Pilotage Code.
 - Hold appropriate Certificate of Competency, or other approved experience and qualification.
 - Undertake required number and type of voyages with either a Pilot, or exempt Master on board the vessel for which the PEC will apply. Voyages to be recorded and endorsed in the approved form.

*Note: 1. Where a Pilot is required to achieve the qualifying or check trips towards a PEC, a pilotage charge will be incurred, and chargeable to the vessel's account.
2. The booking of a Pilot is undertaken by submitting a TasPorts Vessel Movement Advice to TasPorts Radio Room.*
 - Hold a valid AMSA certificate of medical fitness (AMSA 232).
4. Complete the examination detail, in accordance the Marine Pilotage Code, Part 6.
5. Submit to the TasPorts Harbour Master, an application for PEC, in the approved form. Include the following with your application:
 - Copy of Certificate of Competency, or other approved experience and qualification;
 - Copy of AMSA Certificate of medical fitness;
 - Record of voyages, on the approved form (Pilotage Exemption Application Form);
 - Completed examination detail.
6. Once the application has been assessed as satisfactory, the applicant will be advised by TasPorts, following which time the applicant may arrange for the necessary Check Trip/s to be undertaken with an appropriate TasPorts Marine Pilot.
7. On successful completion of the Check Trips, the Harbour Master assess and process the PEC.

A vessel under pilotage is to display a Flag "H" of the International Code of Signals between sunrise and sunset. An exempt master who is navigating a vessel by day in a pilotage are must ensure that a white flag at least 2 metres square in size is prominently displayed on the vessel at all times while being so navigated. Vessels should have both flags readily available to facilitate PEC assessment and movements.

Regulations

Marine and Safety (Pilotage and Navigation) Regulations, 2017

<https://www.legislation.tas.gov.au/>

Marine Pilotage Code

<https://www.TasPorts.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/Pilotage-Code-Final-14102014.pdf>

Forms:

Pilotage Exemption Application Form, see Marine Service/ Pilotage Exemptions

<https://www.TasPorts.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/Pilot-Licence-and-Pilotage-Exemption-Application-Form.docx>

Certificate of Medical Fitness requirements

The *Medical Health and Fitness Order* requires a Certificate of Medical Fitness in accordance with AMSA 232.

<https://www.amsa.gov.au/forms/medical-examination-report>

Vessel Movement Advice (VMA), see Shipping Forms

https://www.TasPorts.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/VMA_2018_PDF_Aug18.pdf

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Tasmanian port pilotage areas:

The port pilotage areas designated to TasPorts under the Deed are listed below, and defined in the *Marine and Safety (Pilotage and Navigation) Regulations, 2017*.

Primary Ports:

- Hobart
- Launceston
- Devonport
- Burnie
- Port Latta

Secondary Ports:

- Coles Bay
- Naracoopa
- Port Arthur
- Port Davey
- Stanley
- Strahan
- Grassy
- Lady Barron
- Spring Bay