

## HARBOUR MASTERS INSTRUCTION

## EXT HMI 21-26

Title:	Pilotage Exemption Certificates – annual audit for vessels LOA 75m and greater
Port:	Primary Ports of – Hobart, Launceston, Devonport, Burnie, and Port Latta
References:	Marine Pilotage Code Marine and Safety (pilotage and Navigation) Regs 2017 Attachment A. – Information on Schedule of Port Charges

## **Description:**

As part of the continuous improvement of TasPorts' auditing processes and ensuring a comprehensive appraisal is undertaken during annual audits of Pilotage Exemption Certificates (PEC's). For those vessels as deemed high risk (as referenced in the Pilotage Code), being those vessels LOA 75m and greater, the annual audit requirement will change from a bridge documentation audit to include a Check Pilotage audit for all vessels transiting in the above Port areas.

This check Pilotage requirement of annual PEC Audits on vessels LOA 75 m's and over will be compulsory for PEC's *due for renewal on or after 1 August 2021*.

I believe this is in line and comparative to audit processes as required in most (if not all) other states in Australia.

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## Additional information - Pilotage Exemption Certificate (PEC) and renewal charges effective 1 July 2021

TasPorts has completed its annual review of the *Schedule of Port Charges for 2021-2022*.

With consideration of the current operating environment, including the impact of COVID-19, TasPorts has endeavoured to minimise the impact of any adjustments in port charges for customers for the upcoming financial year.

Based on this, a general 2.9% increase has been applied to standard port charges for next financial year, taking effect from **1 July 2021**. **Please note that** <u>No increase</u> has been applied for the issue of an initial Pilotage Exemption Certificate or the renewal or extension of a current Pilot Exemption Certificate; noting PEC charges apply per Port, per Zone as specified on the PEC issued.

Stakeholders are reminded that a Pilotage Exemption Certificate (PEC) is specific to both Master and vessel and endorsed for the nominated port(s), area(s), zones(s) or berth(s) and are not transferrable between Masters, vessel or ports and valid for the period as specified on the PEC issued.

The *Schedule of Port Charges 2021-2022* is now available on our website: at <u>www.tasports.com.au/port-charges</u>

If you have any questions on the Pilotage Exemption or port charges for the upcoming financial year, please contact the Commercial and Trade team via <u>commercial@tasports.com.au</u>