



Australian Government  
Australian Maritime Safety Authority

# APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION FROM THE REQUIREMENT TO BE REGISTERED

*Shipping Registration Act 1981*

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## NOTES

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### 1. IMO Number

The seven digit number assigned on behalf of the IMO to commercial or trading ships.

### 2. Hull Identification Number (HIN)

The identifier permanently marked on the hull of a pleasure craft by the manufacturer, or marked later in compliance with State laws (such as the New South Wales Government's Boat Code legislation). The HIN is optional to provide.

### 3. Call sign of ship's main radio station

A copy of the ship's call sign licence should be submitted with the application. Please note: call signs are issued by the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA).

### 4. Demise charter

Sub-section 3(1) of the Shipping Registration Act 1981 defines "demise charter" as follows:

"Demise charter", in relation to a ship, means the demise, letting, hire, or delivery of the ship to the charterer under a charter party, by virtue of which the charterer has whole possession and control of the ship (including the right to appoint the master and crew of the ship)'.

### 5. Ships required to be registered

A ship is required to be registered if it is 24 metres and over in tonnage length and its purpose is to earn income by way of cargo, passengers or other services. However, fishing vessels, pleasure craft, government owned ships and ships of less than 24 metres tonnage length may be registered if their owners wish to do so.

All ships must be registered if they proceed overseas.

### 6. Ships entitled to be registered

A ship is entitled to be registered when it is majority-owned by an Australian nationals. Small craft (less than 12 metres in overall length) that are owned or operated by Australian residents of any nationality, and foreign ships on demise charter to Australian based operators may also be registered. Ships belonging to a defence force cannot be registered.

### 7. Australian national

An Australian national is a person who is an Australian by birth or naturalisation, a company incorporated under Australian Company Law, a Government Authority.

### Additional documents to be lodged

- Demise charter party
- Bill of Sale or Builder's Certificate reflecting ownership (for new builds)
- Request for final CSR (if applicable)



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## Particulars of ship

Name of ship

Official number  
(if ship is registered)

Type of ship

Overall length

Ship to carry paying  
passengers?

Yes  No

Principal material of  
construction

Method of propulsion

IMO number (see Note 1)

Hull identification number (see Note 2)

Call sign of main radio station (see Note 3)

Contact telephone number for applicant

## Particulars of the demise charter (see Note 4)

Name of owner

Address of owner

Nationality of owner

Name of charterer

Address of charterer

Nationality of charterer

Date of commencement

Date of termination

Proposed country of registration

Email address of applicant

## Certification

I/We certify that the particulars provided in this form are true and correct.

Date

Place

Signature of applicant

**If the applicant is a corporation, the document may be formally executed under the corporate seal. Alternatively, an officer of the corporation may sign it, endorse it with a legible statement of their name and designation and have the signature witnessed.**

Signature of witness

Name of witness

Address of witness

## Submitting your application

- Before you send us your application, scan the QR code or visit <https://forms.amsa.gov.au/html/Form/shipping-registration-payment> and pay your application fee
- Record your payment reference number:
- Post your application and supporting documentation to:  
Shipping Registration Office, PO Box 255, Coffs Harbour NSW 2450



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