



Australian Government

Australian Maritime Safety Authority

Australian Maritime Safety Authority Fees Determination 2025

made under the *Australian Maritime Safety Authority Act 1990*

I, Kaylene Dale, Chief Executive Officer of the Australian Maritime Safety Authority, make this determination under subsection 47(1) of the *Maritime Safety Authority Act 1990*.

Dated 11 September 2025

Kaylene Dale

Chief Executive Officer

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1 Name of instrument

This instrument is the *Australian Maritime Safety Authority Fees Determination 2025*.

1A Commencement

This instrument commences on 1 October 2025.

2 Definitions

In this instrument:

AMSA means the Australian Maritime Safety Authority.

AMSA office means the nearest office of AMSA at which an AMSA inspector is stationed.

GMDSS means Global Marine Distress and Safety System.

inspector means a person appointed as an inspector under subsection 254(1) of the *Navigation Act 2012*.

officer means an employee of AMSA or a person engaged by AMSA to perform a service, including an inspector.

regulations or Marine Orders means regulations or orders made under the *Navigation Act 2012* or the *Protection of the Sea (Prevention of Pollution from Ships) Act 1983*.

3 Liability for charge

- (1) A person is liable to pay a charge to AMSA if:
 - (a) the person asks AMSA to perform a service; or
 - (b) AMSA performs a service for the person's benefit.
- (2) The master, owner or agent of a vessel is taken to be the person for whose benefit an inspection or survey is performed to determine whether:
 - (a) the vessel is seaworthy or substandard; or
 - (b) equipment or cargo complies with the regulations or Marine Orders.

4 Amount of charge

- (1) The amount of charge payable for a service is:
 - (a) either:
 - (i) the amount mentioned for the service in an item in Schedule 1; or
 - (ii) if the service is not mentioned in Schedule 1 — the hourly rate mentioned in section 5; and
 - (b) any of the following that apply to the service:
 - (i) the charge for waiting time mentioned in section 7;
 - (ii) the charge for travel to and from the location of service mentioned in section 8;
 - (iii) any other reasonable expense incurred in the provision of the service, including transport, use of vehicle and accommodation away from an AMSA office.
- (2) If a request for a service is cancelled, the charge is payable in accordance with subsection (1) for work done up to the time of cancellation.

5 Hourly rate

The hourly rate for services provided by an inspector or equivalent AMSA officer is:

- (a) \$272 for each hour, calculated for each half hour or remaining part of a half hour; or
- (b) for a service that takes less than 30 minutes — the fixed amount of \$136.

6 Estimates

- (1) If the hourly rate is payable, the person requesting the service may, before the service starts, ask for an estimate of the total charge for the service.
- (2) AMSA may, with the person's agreement, charge the hourly rate to assess the complexity of the service if AMSA considers that is necessary for AMSA to give a reasonably accurate estimate of charge for the service because of its complexity.

7 Charge for waiting time

The charge for waiting time is the hourly rate calculated for each 6 minutes of the total time, or remaining part of 6 minutes, that an officer has to wait in any of the following circumstances:

- (a) the officer is available where and when the service is to be performed, but has to wait before performing the service for more than half an hour for a reason outside the control of the officer;
- (b) the service is interrupted, 1 or more times, for a reason outside the control of the officer and the officer is unable to perform the service for a total period of at least half an hour;
- (c) the officer has performed the service and has to wait for at least half an hour at the place where the service was performed.

8 Charge for travel to location of service

- (1) The charge payable for an officer who travels to perform a service at a location other than where the officer is normally stationed is the sum of:
 - (a) the hourly rate for the time taken for travelling, including any travel to and from a vessel that is not alongside a berth; and
 - (b) the costs AMSA reasonably incurs for the travel; and
 - (c) for travel more than 25 km from an AMSA office — the charge per kilometre specified for the financial year by the Australian Taxation Office for business use of the vehicle used.
- (2) If more than 1 service is performed during a visit, the charge mentioned in subsection (1) is payable only once for all the services.

9 When charges payable

- (1) AMSA may issue an invoice to, or request payment from, a person who is liable to pay a charge.
- (2) A charge is payable:
 - (a) when AMSA makes the request; or
 - (b) within 14 days, or another period specified by AMSA, after the invoice is issued.

10 Payment in advance

- (1) If the charge for the service is not the hourly rate, AMSA may request payment before the service is performed.
- (2) If the charge for the service is the hourly rate, AMSA may request payment, on agreement with the person requesting the service, on completion of agreed proportions of the estimated total hours needed to complete the service.

11 Penalty interest on overdue charges

- (1) Interest is payable for any balance of charge not paid in accordance with section 9.
- (2) The interest rate is compounded at 1.5% for each month or remaining part of a month for which the amount is unpaid.

Schedule 1 Services and charges

(subparagraph 4(1)(a)(i))

Item	Service	Charge
Vessel design and performance — tonnage measurements and loadline		
1.1	Provision of copies of tonnage measurement calculations	hourly rate
1.2	Inspections and certification for tonnage measurements and loadline	hourly rate
Inspections of vessels and equipment		
2.1	Loading and unloading equipment Approvals and exemptions for a vessel, materials handling equipment or loading or unloading arrangements for a vessel, and, for second and subsequent visits, inspections of vessels, equipment or arrangements for these matters	hourly rate
2.2	Ship survey and certification Survey for initial issue or reissue of a certificate	hourly rate
2.3	Port state and flag state control inspections Follow-up visits to re-inspect deficiencies identified at initial inspections	hourly rate
2.4	Other surveys or inspections of vessels and equipment Services or inspections of vessels and equipment not mentioned in items 2.1 to 2.3	hourly rate
Other inspections		
3.1	Grain loading Visits to vessels or loading facilities for inspections to ensure safe loading and stowage of grain	hourly rate
3.2	Solid bulk cargoes Inspections, determinations, approvals and exemptions for solid bulk cargoes	hourly rate
3.3	Dangerous goods Inspections, determinations, approvals and exemptions for dangerous goods	hourly rate
3.4	Livestock Inspections, certificates, approvals and exemptions for transportation of livestock, including inspections and services for issue or endorsement of an Australian Certificate for the Carriage of Livestock	hourly rate

Item	Service	Charge
3.5	Containers Inspections and approvals of containers for authorisation to load or unload where container is unsafe or overloaded or lacking a valid safety certificate plate or after expiry of the examination date	hourly rate
3.6	Miscellaneous inspections All inspections not mentioned in items 2.1 to 3.5 that are compulsory, requested by the recipient or follow-up inspections to confirm corrective action	hourly rate
	Determinations, declarations, exemptions and approvals	
4.1	Processing application for determination (other than a manning level determination), declaration, exemption or approval under <i>Navigation Act 2012</i> <i>Note</i> For declarations under the Act — see section 17, 19, 25 and 26.	hourly rate
4.2	Processing application for exemption of vessel from coastal pilotage requirements	hourly rate
4.3	Processing application for exemption of seafarer from coastal pilotage requirements for exempt vessel	\$136
	Services relating to manning levels	
5.1	Processing application for determination of manning levels	\$1 088
5.2	Processing application for review of existing approved manning levels	\$544
	Services relating to the international safety management code	
6.1	Processing application for document of compliance or safety management certificate, including conduct of initial audit or for reinstatement of document or certificate	hourly rate
6.2	Scheduled periodic compliance audit relating to continuation of document of compliance or safety management certificate	hourly rate
	Services to pilotage providers	
7.1	Processing application for licence as provider of coastal pilotage services or for reinstatement of licence as provider of coastal pilotage services	hourly rate
7.2	Scheduled compliance audit of accredited provider of coastal pilotage services	hourly rate

Item	Service	Charge
Services to seafarers and pilots		
Examinations and assessments		
8.1.1	Assessment of sea service for applicant for: (a) an AMSA certificate of competency as master, deck officer or engineer; or (b) an AMSA certificate of recognition of a certificate of competency as master, deck officer or engineer	\$168
8.1.2	Oral examination for certificate of competency — STCW 78 (as amended) unlimited	\$544
8.1.3	Computer-based examination for certificate of competency	\$220
8.1.4	Assessment of marine qualifications for immigration purposes	\$472
8.1.5	Undertaking a psychometric assessment	Cost of external provider
Certificates for seafarers and pilots		
8.2.1	Processing application for initial issue of certificate of competency or proficiency	\$190
8.2.2	Processing application for initial issue of certificate of recognition of competency or proficiency or certificate of equivalence	\$190
8.2.3	Processing application for revalidation of certificate of competency or certificate of recognition or proficiency or certificate of equivalence	\$136
8.2.4	Processing of application for endorsements to active certificate of competency	\$112
8.2.5	Processing of application for initial issue of, or revalidation of, GMDSS competency certificate or certificate of recognition of GMDSS certificate	\$112
8.2.6	Processing of application for issue of initial coastal pilot's licence or reissue of coastal pilot's licence	\$150
8.2.7	Written examination of theory or charts for coastal pilot's licence — standard examination	\$544
8.2.8	Written examination of charts for coastal Pilot's licence — Whitsundays	\$816
8.2.9	Oral examination for check pilot licence	\$816
8.2.10	Processing application for issue of compass adjuster licence	\$190
8.2.11	Processing application for issue of certificate of safety training	\$112
8.2.12	Processing application for issue of certificate of proficiency as Marine Cook	\$112

Item	Service	Charge
8.2.13	Additional charge for transmission of documents other than by regular mail, such as fax, email or registered mail:	
	(a) within Australia	\$40
	(b) outside Australia	\$80
Services to registered training organisations		
9.1	Processing application by training organisation for approval of training course	hourly rate
9.2	Scheduled periodic compliance audit of approved courses provided by registered training organisation	hourly rate
Registration of ships (Shipping Registration Act 1981)		
Applications for registration or re-registration		
10.1.1	Processing application for registration of ship required to be registered by the <i>Shipping Registration Act 1981</i>	\$2 664
10.1.2	Processing application for registration of ship, other than Australian-owned ship, on demise charter to an Australian based operator	\$3 996
10.1.3	Processing application for registration of ship permitted to be registered by <i>Shipping Registration Act 1981</i> , other than foreign-owned ship on demise charter to an Australian-based operator	\$1 554
Transfer or transmission of ownership		
10.2.1	Processing documents for registration of transfer, transmission of ownership, for ship required by <i>Shipping Registration Act 1981</i> to be registered	\$777
10.2.2	Processing documents for registration of transfer, transmission of ownership, for ship on demise charter to Australian based operator other than an Australian-owned ship	\$1 332
10.2.3	Processing documents for registration of transfer, transmission of ownership, for ship permitted by <i>Shipping Registration Act 1981</i> to be registered, other than foreign-owned ship on demise charter to an Australian-based operator	\$444
Grant of certificates		
10.3.1	Processing application for grant of provisional registration certificate or new registration certificate under section 21 of <i>Shipping Registration Act 1981</i>	\$222
10.3.2	Processing application for grant of provisional registration certificate under section 22 or 22A of <i>Shipping Registration Act 1981</i>	\$333
10.3.3	Processing application for extension of period of currency of provisional certificate	\$222
10.3.4	Processing application for grant of temporary pass	\$333
10.3.5	Processing application for grant of certificate of entitlement to fly Australian national flag or red ensign	\$222

Item	Service	Charge
10.3.6	Supply deletion certificate	\$111
	Administrative services	
10.4.1	Processing application for exemption from registration	\$666
10.4.2	Processing request for change of name of registered ship	\$111
10.4.3	Processing request for change of home port of registered ship	\$111
10.4.4	Processing request for extension of time for lodging documents	\$167
10.4.5	Additional charge for transmission of documents other than by regular mail, such as fax, email or registered mail:	
	(a) within Australia	\$40
	(b) outside Australia	\$80
	Inspections and searches	
10.5.1	Search by staff of Australian Shipping Registration Office of register — for each period of 15 minutes or remaining part of 15 minutes	\$55.50
10.5.2	Supply of certified extract of Register or of document forming part of or associated with Register	\$75
10.5.3	Supply of certified copy of Register entry	\$40
10.5.4	Supply of certified copy of documents forming part of or associated with Register — for each page	\$21
	Caveats	
10.6.1	Processing of the lodgement of a caveat	\$222
	Services relating to a continuous synopsis record	
10.7.1	Application for continuous synopsis record	\$555
10.7.2	Reissue of continuous synopsis record	\$170
10.7.3	Amendments to continuous synopsis record	\$390
	Services to providers of vessel traffic services	
11.1	Processing application for authorisation to provide vessel traffic services	hourly rate
11.2	Conduct scheduled periodic compliance audit of provider of authorised vessel traffic services	hourly rate
	Other services	
12.1	Any service not elsewhere listed in this determination	hourly rate
12.2	Any service for which AMSA bears a direct expense	the amount of the expense

Note The Treasurer has exempted the following from the goods and services tax (GST):

- (a) charges for approvals and inspections of cargoes, containers, vessels and related equipment, as required by safety standards;
- (b) charges for examinations, licences, certificates and approvals relating to seafarers, as required by safety standards;
- (c) charges for other approvals, licences, certificates, exemptions and declarations required by safety standards;
- (d) charges for registration of ships.

Accordingly, the charges for specific services mentioned in this Determination exclude GST. Some miscellaneous services will fall outside the exemption and will therefore be subject to GST. If so, GST will be added to any charges calculated in accordance with this Determination, taking the GST-inclusive hourly rate of charge to \$299.20.

Note

1. All legislative instruments and compilations of legislative instruments are registered on the Federal Register of Legislation under the *Legislation Act 2003*. See www.legislation.gov.au.