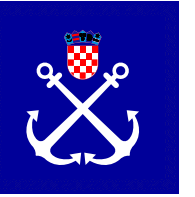
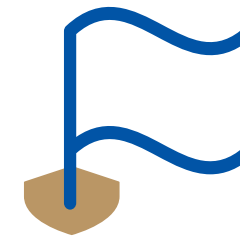




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Terms of Registry

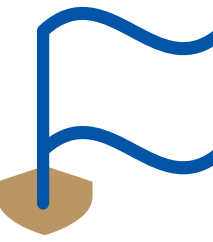
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Instructions for Registering a Vessel

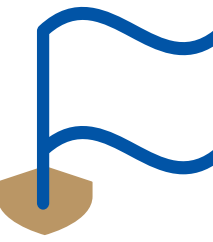


Request for the first registration of a vessel in the Ship Register has to be submitted to the relevant Harbourmaster's Office. The following vessels can be registered in the Ship Register:

- a. A vessel owned in whole or in part by a Croatian national;
- b. A vessel owned in whole or in part by a national from an European Economic Area (EEA) Member State if the company or the operator is a Croatian legal entity;
- c. A vessel owned in whole or in part by a legal entity registered in Croatia;
- d. A vessel owned in whole or in part by a legal entity registered in an EEA Member State if the company or the operator of the vessel is a legal entity registered in Croatia;
- e. A vessel owned in whole or in part by an EEA Member State national or a legal entity incorporated in accordance with EEA Member State regulations and registered in an EEA Member State if the vessel is operated from a branch in Croatia;



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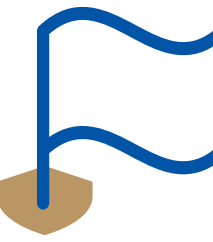


- f. A vessel owned by a foreign natural person with residence outside of Croatia or outside of an EEA Member State if the company or the operator of the vessel is a legal entity registered in Croatia;
- g. A vessel owned by a foreign legal entity registered outside of Croatia or outside of an EEA Member State if the company or the operator of the vessel is a legal entity registered in an EEA Member State, and that company or the operator of the vessel has a branch in Croatia;
- h. A vessel owned by a foreign legal entity registered outside of Croatia and outside of other EEA Member States if this foreign legal entity is a vessel owner company dependent on a legal entity registered in Croatia and subject to tonnage tax.

In the cases referred to in points (b), (d), (f), (g), and (h), the owner of the vessel shall agree with the company's or the operator's request.



Submitting the Registration Request



- By e-mail or other appropriate means considered electronic delivery
- By immediate delivery to the Harbourmaster's Office which keeps the register and
- By regular mail

Notwithstanding the above methods of delivery, the registration request shall be deemed duly delivered when recorded in the Central Information System for Digital Administration of the Ministry.

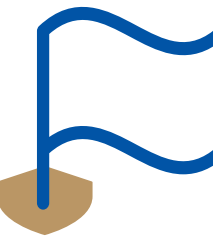


Notes

Documents on the basis of which entries are made in sheet B and sheet C (registration / pre-registration / note) **must be attached in the original**, and other documents may also be attached in a certified copy (**therefore, these documents cannot be scanned and sent by e-mail so it is necessary to submit the same** to the competent Harbourmaster's Office or branch office by post or directly, at the same time as sending the form and other documentation to the competent Harbor Master's Office).



Documents Required for the First Registration of a Vessel

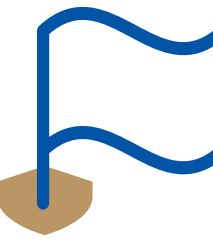


The following documents have to be submitted along with the request for the **first registration of a new (newly built) vessel**:

- a. Document proving the owner vessel of the vessel;
- b. Document proving that the requirements for registering the vessel in the Ship Register have been met in accordance with Articles 187 and 188 of the Maritime Code;
- c. Vessel building certificate issued by the vessel builder or the vessel yard;
- d. Attestation from a classification society that the vessel was completed, containing all data to be entered into Sheet A;
- e. Documents proving the status of the operator or the company if they are to be entered in the Ship Register;
- f. If the gross tonnage is over 1000, a certificate of security or other financial guarantee for issuing a Bunker Certificate;



Documents Required for the First Registration of a Vessel



- g. If the vessel shall transport over 2000 tonnes of oil as cargo, a certificate of security or other financial guarantee for issuing a CLC Certificate;
- h. If the gross tonnage is 300 tonnes or more, a certificate of security or other financial guarantee for issuing a Wreck Removal Certificate;

If the vessel shall carry out international transport in full or in part, and if the vessel is authorised to transport more than 12 passengers, a certificate of security or other financial guarantee for issuing a PLR (Athens) Certificate.

A foreign company shall submit proof of registration from a court, craft, professional or other relevant register in the country of its establishment, and a foreign natural person shall submit a copy of an identification document. The request for the first registration of a new (newly built) vessel in the Ship Register has to indicate three proposed names for the vessel.



Ship Registration Procedure

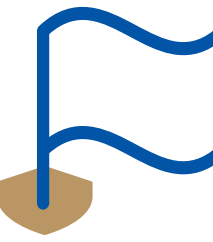
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Filing an Application for Registration



Application for registration of the vessel shall be made on the prescribed form to the harbourmaster's office and can be downloaded from the website of the Ministry of the Sea, Transport and Infrastructure.

Requirements needed for registering the vessel are available on the following website:

 [Instructions for Registering a Vessel](#)

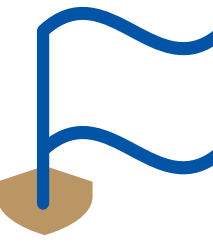


Costs

The registration sheet is issued free of charge.



Registering and Removing a Mortgage



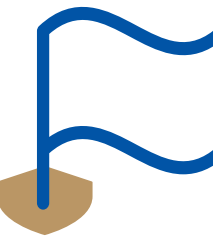
Mortgage on a vessel may be established on the basis of a contract (contractual mortgage) or a court decision (court-ordered mortgage).

If a mortgage contract or document on which the debtor's signature has been publicly notarised contains a statement of the debtor that the creditor may request the entry of the mortgage into the Ship Register directly on the basis of the contract or a document, as well as the debtor's statement that he agrees, based on the said contract or document, that direct enforcement may be conducted on the mortgaged vessel for settling claims established by this contract or document following the maturity of these claims, then this contract shall be considered as an enforceable document, on the basis of which such enforcement may be carried out without an attestation of its enforceability.

Proprietary rights with which the vessel or part thereof is encumbered and rights acquired on the basis of these rights, charter by demise, time charter for the whole vessel, pre-emptive rights and any other restriction regarding rights of disposal of an encumbered maritime craft by which an owner of an encumbered maritime craft is bound, the ban on encumbering and alienating and all notices for which it has not been explicitly specified that they shall be registered in another sheet of the folio shall be registered into Sheet C of the main register folio.



Registering and Removing a Mortgage



If a mortgage has been established on the vessel, mortgage creditors shall give their consent for removing the vessel from the Ship Register.

When the vessel with a mortgage has to be removed on official duty, the removal from the Ship Register shall be performed at the end of a three-month period following notice to mortgage creditors that the conditions for removal of the vessel have been met or following a creditor's consent for the removal of the vessel from the Ship Register.

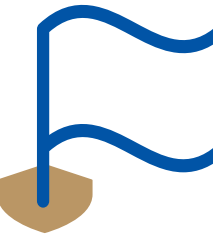


Notice to mortgage creditors shall be carried out in accordance with Article 384(č) of the Maritime Code.

These provisions also apply to vessels under construction.



Removal of a Vessel from the Ship Register



The owner of the vessel shall notify the Harbourmaster's Office about the vessel being wrecked or presumed wrecked within 15 days of the occurrence.

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Provisional Certificate of Registration



A Provisional Certificate of Registration is issued to a vessel when the requirements for its registration have not yet been met; a vessel purchased abroad that has not yet obtained a Certificate of Registration; a vessel that is abroad and whose Certificate of Registration has been lost and; a vessel under construction when the requirements for registering it into the Ship Register as a vessel have not yet been met.

By obtaining a Provisional Certificate of Registration, a vessel and a vessel under construction that has not yet been registered in the Croatian Ship Register is granted the status of a Croatian vessel, as well as the right and obligation to fly the flag of the Republic of Croatia.

The Provisional Certificate of Registration is valid for a maximum of three months from the date of its issuing.

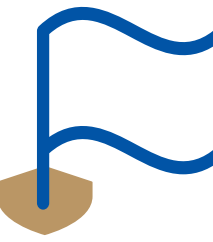


The Provisional Certificate of Registration is issued by the competent Harbourmaster's Office under Article 254 of the Maritime Code.





Issuance of Electronic Certificates



Croatia Ship Register shall issue the following certificates electronically:

- Permanent Certificate of Registry
- Permanent Minimum Safe Manning Certificate
- Provisional Certificate of Registry
- Provisional Minimum Safe Manning Certificate
- Others

To verify the authenticity and validity of electronic certificates, parties can use the unique QR Code included in each electronic certificate.



Costs

Certificates electronically for vessels are issued free of charge.



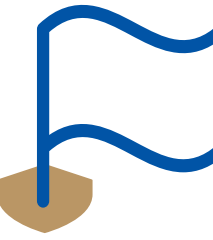
Recognised Organisations

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Authorization to perform survey and issue certificates on behalf of the Republic of Croatia in accordance with IMO/ILO international conventions, are given to the Croatian Register of vessel ping, Bureau Veritas, Lloyd Register or Det Norske Veritas, which are a recognized organization in accordance with Regulation (EC) No. 391/2009 of the European Parliament and the Council on common rules and standards for vessel inspection and survey organizations



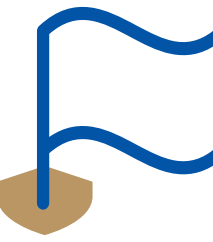
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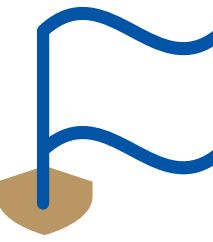




The following vessels may be registered in the Ship Register of the Republic of Croatia:

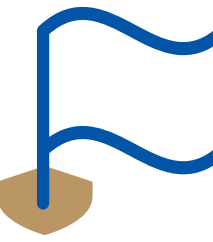
- 1. Regardless of the age of vessel following vessels may be registered in the in the Ship Register of the Republic of Croatia (vessels registered in the Ship Register Member State of the European Union to which Regulation (EC) No 789/2004 applies, i.e.):**
 - cargo vessels of 500 gross tonnage or more, regardless of the age of vessels, which carry valid full-term certificates issued by the Member State of the losing register or by the recognized organization in the name of Member State of the losing register in accordance with applicable IMO/ILO Conventions;
 - passenger vessels engaged on international voyages, or on short international voyages, and high-speed passenger crafts, regardless of the age of vessels, which carry valid full-term certificates issued by the Member State of the losing register or by the recognized organization in the name of Member State of the losing register in accordance with applicable IMO/ILO Conventions;





- passenger vessels and high-speed passenger crafts engaged on domestic voyages, regardless of the age of vessels, which carry valid full-term certificates issued by the Member State of the losing register or by the recognized organization in the name of Member State of the losing register in accordance with Directive 2009/45/EC;
 - fishing vessels of length of 24 m and more, regardless of the age of vessels, which carry valid full-term certificates issued by the Member State of the losing register or by the recognized organization in the name of Member State of the losing register in accordance with Directive 97/70/EC and Directive 93/103/EC.
- 2. Other vessels** may be registered in the in the Ship Register of the Republic of Croatia if their age at the time of application for registration does not exceed 25 years, and if they carry valid full-term certificates issued by the Member State of the losing register or by the recognized organization in the name of Member State of the losing register in accordance with applicable IMO/ILO Conventions or European Union regulations applicable to a particular type of vessel.



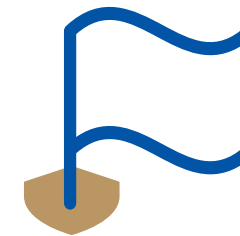


Regardless of mentioned, vessels that have been refused access to ports during the three years preceding application for registration and vessels that have been detained following inspection in the port by Port State Control more than twice during the two years preceding application for registration, are not applicable for registration in the Ship Register of the Republic of Croatia.



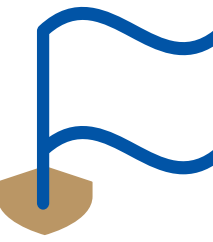
Maximum permissible age of vessels, technical conditions and additional special conditions for entry into the Ship Register in the Republic of Croatia shall be governed by the **Ordinance on keeping the register of vessels, the maximum permitted age and technical conditions for entry in the register of vessels** (“Official Gazette”, no. 131/2023).





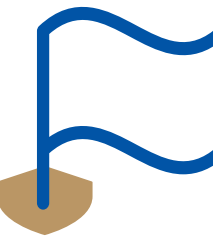
Embarcation of Foreign National Crew on Ship Flying Croatian Flag





- For all officers and Masters holding foreign CoCs or CoPs for tankers, a CoE must be issued
- All crew members must hold Croatian seamans book
- Regarding certificates for crew members in catering/galley department they need to obtain CoP for basic safety training STCW VI/1 issued by recognized country
- All crew members must be registered through our app





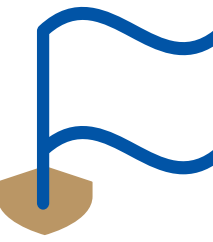
Certificate of receipt of application

- Company may apply for Certificate of receipt of application that is valid for up to three months and can be issued within a maximum of three working days

Endorsement of a foreign certificate (CoE)

- For the issuance of an endorsement, it is necessary to enclose a foreign certificate on the basis of which the endorsement is being issued, a medical certificate, a picture, and a payment slip for the amount of 2.65 EUR
- Seafarers with a CoC at the management level need to pass an exam on Croatian maritime law. The exam can be replaced with a confirmation issued by the company that the crew member is familiar with Croatian maritime law





Social security

- a. Third country nationals are not required to apply for social insurance in the Republic of Croatia
- b. For EU citizens, the shipping company is obliged to register them in the social security system in the Republic of Croatia or a seafarer has the right to apply for an exemption from being insured in the Republic of Croatia (Regulation 883/2004)
- c. The total social contribution for the master is 558.24 EUR per month, for the OOW is 288.21 EUR, and for the bosun is 280.67 EUR





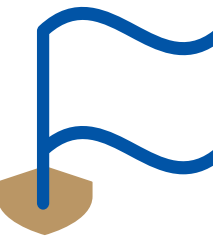
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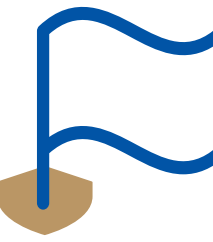


The list of countries whose certificates of medical fitness are recognized is the same as the list of countries whose STCW certificates are recognized.

The list is available on the following website:

 [RECOGNITION OF CERTIFICATES in accordance with the Regulation I/10 of the STCW Convention, 1978 as amended](#)





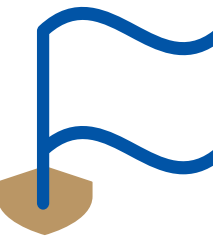
Tonnage Tax

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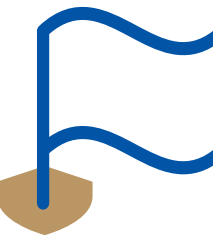


Instead of profit tax in shipping is used tonnage tax. In Croatia tonnage tax is calculated as follows:

For each ship whose net tonnage participates in the calculation of tax per ship tonnage, tax is determined and paid in the following annual amount:

- for ships from 0 to 1000 net tonnage, for every 100 units of net tonnage, a tax per ship tonnage of 35.84 euros is determined and paid,
- for every additional 100 units of net tonnage from 1,001 to 10,000 units of net tonnage, a tax per ship tonnage of 30.53 euros is determined and paid,
- for every additional 100 units of net tonnage from 10,001 to 25,000 units of net tonnage, a tax per ship tonnage of EUR 19.91 is determined and paid,
- for each additional 100 units of net tonnage from 25,001 to 40,000 units of net tonnage, a tax per ship tonnage of 12.61 euros is determined and paid,





- a. for each additional 100 units of net tonnage above 40,000 net tonnage, a tax per ship tonnage of 7.30 euros is determined and paid.
- b. for each less than 100 units of net tonnage, tax per tonnage is determined proportionally.