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**MERCHANT SHIPPING ACT, 2021
(NO. 33 OF 2021)**

MERCHANT SHIPPING (FEES) REGULATIONS, 2026

The Minister, in exercise of the powers by under section 227 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 2021 (No. 33 of 2021) makes the following regulations —

1. Citation and commencement.

- (1) These Regulations may be cited as the Merchant Shipping (Fees) Regulations, 2026.
- (2) These Regulations shall come into force on the 1st day of April, 2026.

2. Interpretation.

In these Regulations —

“**Act**” means the Merchant Shipping Act, 2021 (*No. 33 of 2021*);

“**Authority**” means The Bahamas Maritime Authority established under section 3 of The Bahamas Maritime Authority Act (*Ch. 283*).

3. Registration fee.

For every ship registered as a Bahamian ship, the registration fee shall be as specified in Part I of the *Schedule*.

4. Annual fee on first registration.

When a ship is first entered into the register, the annual fee specified in Part II of the *Schedule* shall after the 31st January in the year of registration, be payable and prorated over the months, or part thereof remaining.

5. Annual fee on existing ships.

- (1) Before the 1st January of each subsequent year, there shall be paid an annual fee as specified in Part II of the *Schedule*.
- (2) Where in the certificate of measurement of a ship, more than one net registered tonnage is specified, the annual fee shall be calculated by reference to the greatest of the tonnage.
- (3) Where a ship has been remeasured, the tonnage ascertained and registered as a result of the remeasurement shall form the basis of calculation of the annual fee.

6. Payable associated fees.

There shall be payable to the Authority in respect of a registered ship, such other applicable fees as specified in Part III of the *Schedule* associated with —

- (a) the registration, certification and inspection of a ship;
- (b) the licensing and certification of seafarers; or
- (c) any other maritime act or service.

7. Non-payment of fees and charges.

If a shipowner fails to pay —

- (a) the annual fee in respect of a ship, a registrar may suspend the certificate of registry of the ship;
- (b) any associated fee or charge for any service provided, a registrar may, where the fee is in relation to the issue of a certificate or document —
 - (i) refuse to issue the certificate or document until the fee has been paid; or
 - (ii) suspend or cancel the certificate or document concerned;
- (c) a fee in relation to a service, a registrar may refuse to provide the service until the fee has been paid or unless the fee is paid in advance.

SCHEDULE
(regulation 3, 4, 5 and 6)

FEES

PART I

REGISTRATION FEE	
DESCRIPTION	FEE
Initial Registration	Nil

PART II

ANNUAL FEE	
DESCRIPTION	FEE
For ships/yachts not engaged in commercial trade	\$1,000
For ships of 2000 net tons or less	\$2,552
For ships greater than 2000 net tons but not greater than 5000 net tons	\$2,155 plus \$0.20 per ton
For ships greater than 5000 net tons	\$2,305 plus \$0.17 per ton
For yachts engaged in commercial trade	\$1,500 plus \$0.20 per ton
For Home Trade Ships of 2000 net tons or less	\$725
For Home Trade Ships of not less than 2001 net tons	\$600 plus \$0.13 per net ton

PART III

ASSOCIATED FEES	
DESCRIPTION	FEE
Change of Name of a Ship/Non-commercial Yacht	\$250
Issue of a Transcript of Register	\$200
Issue of a Certificate of Registry	\$200
Issue of a Certificate of Closure/Deletion	\$1,000
Issue of a Continuous Synopsis Record	\$200
Continuous Synopsis Record Annual Maintenance	\$150

Issue of a Consent Letter to Bareboat Charter	\$250
Allotment of Signal Letters	\$100
Allotment of an Identification Number	\$100
Name reservation	On application
Issue of an Extension Provisional Certificate of Registry	\$250
Issue of a Certificate/Document/Letter for which no specific fee is stipulated	\$200
Set of Registration documents	\$280
Certification of a Document or Certificate	\$200
Registration Anew	\$1,000
Issue of Radio Licence Certificate	\$150
Permit to Operate for a High Speed Craft	\$300
Registration of transfer of ownership by bill of sale or transmission, or of mortgage or transfer, discharge of a mortgage of a ship, or share therein where the ship does not exceed 1,600 net tons	\$500
Where the ship exceeds 1,600 net registered tons	\$400
Annual Radio Spectrum Licence	\$150
Services rendered for which no specific fee is stipulated per hour of the work — (a) Insurer Review; (b) Mortgage Affidavit of Loss; (c) Registrar Deletion Process; and (d) Registration Transaction Assistance Fee.	\$200 per hour

LONG RANGE IDENTIFICATION AND TRACKING (LRIT) FEES	
DESCRIPTION	FEE
Issue of an initial LRIT Conformance Test Report (CTR)	\$400
Issue of an Amended/Duplicate CTR	\$200
LRIT Annual Maintenance	\$200

MANNING, SEAFARERS AND STCW FEES	
DESCRIPTION	FEE
Issue of a Certificate or Endorsement for a seafarer	\$150
Renewal of a Certificate or Endorsement issued to a seafarer	\$150

Notice of Eligibility application for Bahamas National Certificate of Competency	\$50
Written Assessment for Bahamas National Certificate of Competency	\$200
Oral Assessment for Bahamas National Certificate of Competency	\$200
STCW Course Approval	\$90 per course
Audit inspection and assessment for approval of training or centre	\$200 per hour plus travel and accommodation
Seafarer Record Book, digital and hard copy	\$60
Validating of a Certificate of Discharge	\$73
Issue of a Minimum Safe Manning Document	\$200
Statement of Acceptance for Financial Security for Bahamian ship	\$150
Determination of Ship Statement of Interpretation (SOI) RE: Ships for Bahamian registered ships	\$200
Determination of Seafarer, Statement of Interpretation (SOI)	\$200
Certificate of Discharge Fast Track Fee	\$300
Application fee for a Business License to operate a SRPS	\$400
Licensing fee for a SRPS	\$200
Renewal Fee for SRPS	\$200

WRECK REMOVAL INSURANCE CERTIFICATE FEES	
DESCRIPTION	FEE
Issue of a Certificate of Wreck Removal for a Bahamian registered ship	\$200
Annual Issue of a Certificate of Wreck Removal for a Bahamian registered ship	\$200
Issue of a Certificate of Wreck Removal for a non-Bahamian registered ship	\$350

MARITIME LABOUR CONVENTION 2006 (MLC 2006) FEES	
DESCRIPTION	FEE
Issue of a Declaration of Maritime Labour Compliance – Part 1 (DMLC Part I) for a Bahamian registered ship	\$200

Review of request for MLC, 2006 Exemption or Equivalency for a Bahamian registered ship	\$200
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CIVIL LIABILITY CERTIFICATE (CLC) FEES	
DESCRIPTION	FEE
Issue of a Certificate of Civil Liability (Oil) for a Bahamian registered ship	\$200
Certificate of Civil Liability (Oil) for a non-Bahamian registered ship	\$350
Issue of a Certificate of Civil Liability (Bunker) for a Bahamian registered ship	\$200
Issue of a Certificate of Civil Liability (Bunker) for a non-Bahamian registered ship	\$350
Annual Issue of a Certificate of Civil Liability (Oil) for a Bahamian registered ship	\$200
Annual Issue of a Certificate of Civil Liability (Bunker) for a Bahamian registered ship	\$200

BAHAMAS APPROVED SERVICE PROVIDERS (BASP) FOR SERVICING OF LIFESAVING APPLIANCES IN ACCORDANCE WITH MSC.402(96) (PER SERVICE STATION)	
DESCRIPTION	FEE
New Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) applicant for servicing of own equipment only	\$250
New OEM applicant for servicing own and another maker's equipment	\$400
New applicant holding an authorisation from a Bahamas Recognised Organisation	\$500
New applicant that does not hold authorisation from a Bahamas Recognised Organisation	\$800
New applicant authorised solely by another Flag State Administration	\$800
Ship Operator authorisation	\$200 per hour
Renewal of current Bahamas Certificate of Authorisation	\$400
Amendment to existing Bahamas Certificate of Authorisation	\$150
BASP "one off" Authorisation	\$150
Non BASP "one off" Authorisation	\$300

TRANSPORT OF FISH AND FISHERY PRODUCTS AS FROZEN CARGO	
DESCRIPTION	FEE
Issue of a Statement of Authorisation to undertake a single fisheries trans-shipment operation in Fisheries Regulatory Area	\$1,600
Issue of a Statement of Authorisation to transport Frozen aquatic species cargoes or to engage in the transportation of fish and fishery products as frozen cargo	\$1,600

MISCELLANEOUS FEES	
DESCRIPTION	FEES
Courier Charges	From \$60
Out of Office Fees	\$500 per hour
Retrieval of any document from storage	\$50
Attendance at unusual hours: Mondays to Fridays inclusive between 18:00 and 09:00.	\$500 per hour
Attendance at unusual hours: Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays	\$700 per hour
Issue of an Exemption/Dispensation	\$200
Inspection and assessment for approval of training at unusual hours: Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays	\$400 per hour
Issue of a Statement or Letter	\$200
Professional fees/services rendered by BMA staff for which no specific fee is stipulated	\$200 per hour
Fast track fee for seafarer documents or ship's certificate	\$150 per request
Issue of a Document of Approval for Electronic Record Keeping Systems	\$300

Made this 1st day of April, 2026.

Signed
JOBETH COLEBY-DAVIS
MINISTER RESPONSIBLE FOR MARITIME AFFAIRS