

## Pilotage Guidance

### 1. Competent Harbour Authority

In accordance with the Pilotage Act 1987 the Shoreham Port Authority is the competent harbour authority for Shoreham Port and its approaches.

### 2. Pilotage Exemption Certificates

Pilotage is compulsory pursuant to a pilotage direction dated 7<sup>th</sup> September 1958 in the waters of Shoreham Port and the approaches thereto, being the limits of jurisdiction of the Port Authority for purposes of pilotage pursuant to Shoreham Port Authority Revision Order (Pilotage) 1988, subject to the following:

- a) vessels up to and including 50 metres in length overall and which are not carrying Dangerous Goods will be totally exempted.
- b) unless otherwise specifically provided for in this guidance note pilotage exemption certificates will be available to bona fide master and first mates of vessels up to and including 75 metres in overall length navigating in the Entrance and the West Arm and up to and including 80 metres overall length navigating in the Entrance, East Arm and Canal, on application, without examination subject to a declaration in writing from the vessel's owners to the effect that:
  - (i) the applicant holds a valid certificate of competency for the class of vessel for which application is being made.
  - (ii) the applicant has experience of navigation in the pilotage area and a working knowledge of the Port's Navigation Byelaws and General Directions.
  - (iii) the applicant has a working command of the English language.
- c) For vessels exceeding 75 metres in overall length navigating in the West Arm, vessels exceeding 80 metres in overall length navigating in other parts of the Port and all vessels carrying Dangerous Goods as specified in Schedule 3 of the Dangerous Substances in Harbour Areas Regulations 1987 (with the exception that in respect of Class 3 liquids for flashpoint 60° C read 21° C), pilotage certificates may be granted to bona fide Masters and First Mates after an examination. An applicant for examination must satisfy the requirements set out at 2(b) (i) (ii) and (iii).



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3. Experience of local knowledge and experience Masters and First Mates are required to have before being granted a Pilotage exemption certificate will depend upon the area to be navigated and the size and class of vessel concerned. As a guide it is considered that a candidate should have performed at least six passages within the previous year in respect of the area in which the certificate is to apply.
4. Pilotage Areas  
Exemption Certificates will be issued for one of the following areas of the port:  
Entrance and West Arm  
Entrance and East Arm (excluding Locks)  
Entrance, East Arm and Canal
5. Vessels Which For Any Reason Become Sub-Standard Or Deficient In Equipment Regardless Of Length  
Such vessels are not excepted from compulsory pilotage and exemption certificates in respect of such vessels will not be valid.
6. Examinations  
Examinations will be conducted by a panel of persons appointed by the Port Authority.
7. Byelaws  
All pilotage certificate holders will be expected to keep themselves up-dated on any changes affecting navigation in the area, including changes to local byelaws, regulations and Notices to Mariners.
8. Renewal of Exemption Certificates  
Pilotage exemption certificates will be reviewed annually by the Authority who will need to be assured of a holder's continued experience before a renewal is granted.