



Harbours Act (Northern Ireland) 1970

1970 CHAPTER 1

PART II

HARBOURS VESTED IN LOCAL AUTHORITIES

15 Harbour masters.

- (1) A local harbour authority may employ a harbour master and such other persons for the purposes of the harbour as it considers to be necessary.
- (2) Where any person is employed by a local harbour authority in an office referred to in sections 51 to 65 of the Harbours, Docks and Piers Clauses Act 1847, so much of the provisions of those sections as apply to that office shall apply to that person as if the harbour had been constructed in pursuance of an Act which incorporated that Act, this Act were the special Act for the purposes of that Act and the authority were the undertakers for those purposes.
- (3) In the application, by virtue of subsection (2), of section 52 of the said Act of 1847 to a harbour master employed by a local harbour authority, that section shall authorise a harbour master—
 - (a) to give directions prohibiting the mooring of any vessel in any part of the harbour specified by him;
 - (b) to impose terms and conditions upon which a pleasure-craft, hovercraft or hydrofoil may enter the harbour or any part of the harbour specified by him;
 - (c) in an emergency, to give general directions under that section which apply to all vessels or to any specified class of vessels.
- (4) In the application, by virtue of subsection (1), of section 53 of the said Act of 1847 to a harbour master employed by a local harbour authority, that section shall be construed as authorising a harbour master to give directions to the master of a vessel otherwise than in writing.

Changes to legislation:

Harbours Act (Northern Ireland) 1970, Section 15 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 14 April 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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- Act modified by [2023 c. 8 s. 9\(7\)](#)