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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2001 No. 3628**

**MERCHANT SHIPPING**

**The Merchant Shipping (Fees)  
(Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2001**

*Made - - - - 7th November 2001*  
*Laid before Parliament 9th November 2001*  
*Coming into force - - 3rd December 2001*

The Secretary of State for Transport, Local Government and the Regions, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 302(1) of the Merchant Shipping Act 1995<sup>(1)</sup>, and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, with the consent of the Treasury, hereby makes the following Regulations:

**Citation and commencement**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Merchant Shipping (Fees) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2001 and shall come into force on 3rd December 2001.

**Amendment of the Merchant Shipping (Fees) Regulations 1996**

2. The Schedule to the Merchant Shipping (Fees) Regulations 1996<sup>(2)</sup> shall be amended as follows.

3. In Part I—

(a) in paragraph 2(1), for “£72” there shall be substituted “£74”.

(b) in paragraph 3, after sub-paragraph (g) there shall be inserted the following sub-paragraph:

“(gg) any survey or inspection which results in the issue of a prevention of operation notice in accordance with regulation 9 of the Merchant Shipping (Mandatory Surveys for Ro-Ro Ferry and High Speed Passenger Craft) Regulations 2001<sup>(3)</sup> and, without prejudice to sub-paragraph (c) above, any subsequent survey or inspection relating to the deficiencies which led to the issue of the prevention of operation notice;”.

4. In Part II—

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<sup>(1)</sup> 1995 c. 21.

<sup>(2)</sup> S.I. 1996/3243; the relevant amending instrument is S.I. 1998/531.

<sup>(3)</sup> S.I. 2001/152.

- (a) for “£14” there shall be substituted “£20”;  
 (b) at the end there shall be added the following sentences:

“This fee shall, on the first application for an examination for a certificate of competency, be taken as included in the fees payable in accordance with sections A1 and B1 of Part III below. The sum of £20 shall be deducted from the fee payable in accordance with sections A1 and B1 for any subsequent application for an examination for a certificate of competency.”.

5. For the heading to Part III there shall be substituted the following:

**“EXAMINATIONS FOR CERTIFICATES OF COMPETENCY AS AN OFFICER**

***APPLICATIONS FOR EXEMPTIONS AND OTHER SERVICES.*”**

6. In Part III, Section A—

- (a) in paragraph 1(a) and (d), for “£109” there shall in each case be substituted “£160”;  
 (b) in paragraph 1(c), for “£109” there shall be substituted “£145”;  
 (c) in paragraph 1(b) and (e), for “£90” there shall in each case be substituted “£145”;  
 (d) paragraph 2 shall be omitted;  
 (e) in paragraph 3—  
     (i) the words “or 2” shall be omitted;  
     (ii) in sub-paragraph (a), for “£12.50” there shall be substituted “£15”;  
     (iii) in sub-paragraph (b), for “£25” there shall be substituted “£40”;  
 (f) in paragraph 4, the words “or 2” shall be omitted.

7. In Part III, Section B—

- (a) for paragraph 1, there shall be substituted the following:

“1. For examination for a certificate of competency on each occasion on which a candidate presents himself for the practical oral part of the examination as:—

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(a)	Master	£160
(b)	Chief Mate	£160
(c)	Officer of the Watch (Deck department)	£145
(d)	Chief Engineer	£160
(e)	Second Engineer	£160
(f)	Officer of the Watch (Engine department)	£145

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Subject to paragraph 2 below, the fee payable under this paragraph shall be refunded if a certificate is not finally issued;”

- (b) for paragraphs 2 and 3, there shall be substituted the following:

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“2. For consideration of an application for an examination under paragraph 1

above, where the applicant cancels his application—

- (a) if cancellation takes place £15; before a notice of eligibility has been issued
- (b) if cancellation takes place £40; after a notice of eligibility has been issued

3. For consideration of an application £10”; for an examination under paragraph 1 above, where such consideration involves overseas postage for the Maritime and Coastguard Agency, (as above)

(c) paragraphs 4, 5, 6 and 7 shall be omitted.

8. In Part III, for Section C, there shall be substituted the following:

**“Addition, Removal and Amendments to Endorsements and Tanker Endorsements**

<i>Service</i>	<i>Fee</i>
Addition, removal or amendment to an endorsement or tanker endorsement	£50.”

9. In Part III, Section D—

- (a) paragraph 1 shall be omitted;
- (b) in paragraphs 2 and 4, for “£19” there shall in each case be substituted “£25”;
- (c) in paragraphs 3 and 5, for “£10.25” there shall in each case be substituted “£15”;
- (d) in paragraph 6, for “£77” there shall be substituted “£115”;
- (e) in paragraph 8—
  - (i) for “£110”, wherever it occurs, there shall be substituted “£150”;
  - (ii) for “£27” there shall be substituted “£30”;
- (f) in paragraph 12, for “£48.75” there shall be substituted “£60”.

10. In Part III, Section E—

- (a) in paragraphs 1 and 3, for “£19” there shall in each case be substituted “£25”;
- (b) in paragraphs 2 and 4, for “£10.25” there shall in each case be substituted “£15”.

11. In Part IV, for everything after the first paragraph there shall be substituted the following:

<i>“Service</i>	<i>Fee</i>
<b>A Certificates</b>	
For consideration of an applicant’s qualifications for issue of a certificate of equivalent competency, including the issue of such a certificate	£70

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<i>“Service</i>	<i>Fee</i>
The sum of £20 shall be refunded if a certificate is not finally issued	
<b>B Examinations</b>	
1. For an oral examination for competency, on each occasion on which a candidate presents himself	£111
2. For an oral examination to assess a candidate’s standard of English language, on each occasion on which the candidate presents himself	£74
3. For an oral examination to assess a candidate’s standard of knowledge of United Kingdom legal and administrative processes, on each occasion on which the candidate presents himself	£74
<b>C Endorsement and Revalidation</b>	
1. For addition, removal or amendment to an endorsement or tanker endorsement	£50
2. For the grant of a certificate of continued proficiency and updating of knowledge in respect of a certificate of equivalent competency	£50”.
<b>12. In Part V—</b>	
(a) in paragraphs 1 and 2, for “£49” and “£35” there shall in each case be substituted “£74”;	
(b) after paragraph 2, there shall be inserted the following paragraph—	
“2A. Combined Practical/Oral examination for Boatmaster’s Licence— taken at same time	£111”;
(c) in paragraphs 3 and 6, for “£18” there shall in each case be substituted “£15”;	
(d) in paragraphs 4, 5 and 7, for “£17” or “£28”, as the case may be, there shall in each case be substituted “£30”.	
<b>13. In Part VI—</b>	
(a) in paragraph 1, for “£540” there shall be substituted “£592”;	
(b) for paragraphs 2 and 3, there shall be substituted:	
“2. Application for a Safe Manning Certificate for other Vessels	£111
3. Application for technical amendment, e.g. involving manning charges, or other amendment e.g. change of name of vessel or owner	£74”;

(c) in paragraph 4, for “£60” there shall be substituted “£74”.

14. In Part VII, paragraph 1, for entries (2) and (3), there shall be substituted the following:

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“(2) Registration of transfer of ownership of a registered ship		
(a) one transfer	£69	
(b) where more than one transfer in relation to a ship is lodged at the same time		
two transfers	£84	
three transfers	£100	
four transfers or more	£115”.	

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15. In Part VIII—

(a) For paragraphs 2 and 3 there shall be substituted the following:

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“2. Registration of transfer of ownership of a registered vessel:		
(a) with full registration	£69	£100
(b) with simple registration	£52	£100
(c) where more than one transfer in relation to the ship is lodged on the same occasion—		
two transfers		
(i) with full registration	£84	£110
(ii) with simple registration	£62	£110
three transfers		
(i) with full registration	£100	£120
(ii) with simple registration	£70	£120
four transfers		
(i) with full registration	£120	£130
(ii) with simple registration	£88	£130
five or more transfers		
(i) with full registration	£138	£140
(ii) with simple registration	£104	£140”.

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(b) In paragraph 15, for “£65” there shall be substituted “£50”.

**16.** In Part X—

- (a) for “£16.50” and “£35”, wherever they occur, there shall in each case be substituted “£35” and “£55” respectively.
- (b) for paragraph 1(2)(b) there shall be substituted the following:

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“(b) to a seaman who was No fee”.  
the holder of a discharge book  
which has been lost, destroyed or  
defaced by water or fire at sea

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**17.** In Part XII, in the Table—

- (a) for the entries listed in the third column headed “*Other surveys, inspections and tests, per hour or part thereof*” relating to paragraphs 1 and 2, there shall be substituted the following entries:
- “No fee  
£74.00  
£148.00  
£74.00”.
- (b) the entries listed in the third column relating to paragraph 3 shall be deleted.

**18.** In Part XIII, for everything after “1997”, there shall be substituted the following:

“The fees for the Secretary of State’s approval of a waste management plan prepared by a harbour authority or terminal operator in respect of a harbour or terminal pursuant to regulation 10(2) of the Regulations, or for the preparation of a waste management plan in respect of a harbour or terminal by the Secretary of State pursuant to regulation 11 of the Regulations, shall be charged at the hourly rate of £74”.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport, Local Government and the Regions

*David Jamieson*  
Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State,  
Department for Transport, Local Government  
and the Regions

6th November 2001

We consent to the making of these Regulations

*Nick Ainger*  
*Anne McGuire*  
Two of the Lords Commissioners of Her  
Majesty’s Treasury

7th November 2001

**EXPLANATORY NOTE***(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations further amend the Merchant Shipping (Fees) Regulations 1996 (S.I.1996/3243). The Regulations prescribe changes in some of the fees charged and introduce new fees. In particular—

(1) the hourly rate for fees relating to services listed in Part I of the Schedule has been increased from £72 to £74;

(2) fees in connection with tonnage measurements are to be charged at the hourly rate for services in Part I of the Schedule (£74);<sup>5</sup>

(3) revised fees have been introduced in relation to the services listed in Parts II to XIII.

The principal changes to the fees charged are shown in the following table:

<i>Description of fee</i>	<i>Old fee</i> £	<i>New fee</i> £
<b>Certificate of Competency</b>		
Issue or endorsement of certificate	14.00	20.00
Examination for Certificate of Competency— Operational	104.00 *	165.00 *
Examination for Certificate of Competency— Management	123.00 *	180.00 *
Cancellation fee before notice of eligibility issued	12.50	15.00
Cancellation fee after notice of eligibility issued	25.00	40.00
Change to endorsements	54.00*	50.00*
Examination for efficient deck hand, able seaman or proficiency in survival craft and issue of certificate	19.00	25.00
Issue of certificate for efficient deck hand, able seaman or proficiency in survival craft only	10.25	15.00
Examination for licence as marine engine operator or senior marine engine operator	77.00 *	115.00 *

*N.B. Fees marked with an asterisk are now inclusive of the charge for issue or endorsement of a certificate (now £20 instead of £14)*

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<i>Description of fee</i>	<i>Old fee £</i>	<i>New fee £</i>
Revalidation of certificate of competency	32.50*	50.00*
Application for exemption	110.00	150.00
Application for exemption—per additional ship or person	27.00	30.00
Examination on application for medical fitness certificate	48.75	60.00
Examination for sight test certificate	19.00	No longer a MCA service
Examination for electronic navigation systems certificate	54.00 *	No longer a MCA service
<b>Certificate of Equivalent Competency</b>		
Issue or endorsement of certificate	14.00	20.00
Consideration of applicant's qualifications for issue of certificate of equivalent competency	49.00 *	70.00 *
Examination of oral competency—Operational	65.00	111.00
Examination of oral competency—Management	84.00	111.00
Examination of oral competency—Standard of English	50.00	74.00
Examination of oral competency—UK legal & administrative	84.00	74.00
Change to endorsements	33.00*	50.00*
Revalidation of certificate of equivalent competency	32.50*	50.00*
Examination for sight test certificate	19.00	No longer a MCA service
<b>Boatmasters' Licences</b>		
Practical examination	49.00	74.00
Oral examination	35.00	74.00

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<i>Description of fee</i>	<i>Old fee</i> £	<i>New fee</i> £
Combined practical/oral examination—taken at the same time	N/A	111.00
Issue or replacement of licence	18.00	15.00
Revaluation of licence	17.00	30.00
Endorsement per additional area	28.00	30.00
Application for exemption	28.00	30.00
Safe Manning Certificates		
Application for passenger ship	540.00	592.00
Application for other vessels 350kw or over	300.00	111.00
Application for other vessels under 350kw	180.00	111.00
Application for technical amendment	180.00	74.00
Application for other amendment	60.00	74.00
Issue of certificate for sister ship	60.00	74.00
Seaman's Documents		
Issue or renewal of British Seaman's Card or Discharge Book—postal application	16.50	35.00
Issue or renewal of British Seaman's Card or Discharge Book—other application	35.00	55.00

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A Regulatory Impact Assessment has been carried out and a copy placed in the library of both Houses of Parliament. Copies can be obtained from the Maritime Information Centre, Maritime and Coastguard Agency, Spring Place, 105 Commercial Road, Southampton SO15 1EG (telephone 02380-329295).