

# NOTICE TO MARINERS

## Pilot Exemption Certificates Guidance

Masters, Warranted Pilots, Holders of Pilotage Exemption Certificates, and the Owners, Operators and Agents of all vessels navigating within Dublin Port are reminded that the granting and holding of a Dublin Port Company Pilot Exemption Certificate (PEC) is subject to the conditions laid down in Section 72 of the Harbours Act 1996 (as amended) and the Dublin Port Company Pilotage Bye-Laws.

Applications for a Pilot Exemption Certificate must be submitted via the Dublin Port Company Online Applications Portal, available at:

[www.dublinport.ie/about-dublin-port/online-applications-portal/application-for-dublin-port-pilot-exemption-certificate/](http://www.dublinport.ie/about-dublin-port/online-applications-portal/application-for-dublin-port-pilot-exemption-certificate/)

Candidates for a PEC are specifically reminded that when completing familiarisation voyages and requesting endorsement by a Licensed Pilot or existing PEC Holder, they must be actively engaged in the navigation of the vessel within the port jurisdiction and must hold the conduct of the vessel during the passage under supervision. Endorsements will only be considered valid where the supervising Pilot or PEC Holder is satisfied that the candidate has exercised appropriate navigational responsibility and demonstrated the required competency.

Candidates for a PEC must also be fully familiar with the class, type, and handling characteristics of the vessels for which they are seeking PEC authorisation, and applications relating to vessel types for which adequate familiarity has not been demonstrated may not be accepted.

**Captain Michael McKenna** | Harbour Master | 13 February 2026

Masters, owners, agents, charterers, marinas, yacht clubs and recreational boaters should ensure that the contents of this notice are made known to the persons in charge of their vessels or craft. All notices to mariners can be found at [www.dublinport.ie/information-centre/notice-to-mariners/](http://www.dublinport.ie/information-centre/notice-to-mariners/)



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