

POLICIES FOR PLEASURE CRAFT LICENCE

1. General Policy

- All applications received at Tourism Authority whether electronically or manually shall be submitted with all the required documents as per approved checklist, otherwise applications will not be considered.
- The following shall be considered for "*Certificate of Character*":
 - a) Applicants who have been sentenced to jail for major/serious offences, including drugs and rape **shall not be issued a licence/permit**.
 - b) Applicants whose certificate of character indicates other types of serious offences committed ten (10) years before the date of application **will be eligible for a licence/permit** from the Tourism Authority; and
 - c) Applicants found guilty in respect of minor offences **shall not be denied a licence/permit**.
- All new pleasure craft that will be licensed by the Tourism Authority shall be ISO certified as from 01 January 2022.

2. Commercial Pleasure Craft Licence

2.1 A maximum of **three (03)** PCL's be issued to any applicant provided that he/she is not holder of **more than three (03)** commercial pleasure craft licence.

2.2 Holders of Tourist Accommodation Certificate for Guest House and Tourist Residence, and Tourist Enterprise Licences (TEL) would be considered for pleasure craft licence **except** for TEL for Tour Operator, Beach Hawker and Canvasser

2.3 The application for a commercial pleasure craft licence shall be accompanied by the following documents:

- i. All applicants whether individual, shareholders or Directors must submit a **valid** certificate of character.
- ii. Curriculum Vitae (Profile of Applicant)
- iii. Business Plan (not applicable for replacement of craft)
- iv. Documentary evidence from bank or any other recognized financial institutions
- v. Any pleasure craft which has a private licence cannot be converted even if there is a change in the owner except for replacement of craft.

3. Private Pleasure Craft Licence

All applications made for a private pleasure craft shall be under the name of individual and not a corporate body except for companies involved in boat construction and in selling of imported boats.

Applicants must submit the following documents:

- (i) Certificate of character (valid for one year)
- (ii) Curriculum Vitae (Profile of Applicant).
- (iii) Documentary evidence from banks or any other recognized financial institutions
- (iv) Title deed/lease agreement to be submitted for restricted areas

Limitation of private pleasure craft licence to a maximum of **two (02)** per person and a maximum of **three (03)** per household.

N.B: Please note that pleasure craft more than five years is not allowed to be imported

4. Variation

The following applications (commercial and private) will be processed administratively:

- Change of ownership
- Replacement of craft
- Variation of licence (change in engine, colour, navigational area or any particulars of the licence)
- Reissue of licence

5. Letter of Intent

Letter of Intent is valid for one year however it can be extended for a further period of six (06) months or beyond upon submission of justifications.

6. Pleasure craft used in connection with sea based activities

a) Boat house

An operator/licensee/shareholder for the operation of boathouse shall not be issued with more than 3 (three) Tourist Enterprise Licences

Glass bottom boats operating at boathouses shall no longer be issued with a licence specifying only 'Excursion (Glass Bottom only)', so as to prevent the use of glass bottom boats under the other types excursions.

Glass bottom trips provided by boathouses shall be limited to only 'inside lagoon (IL) to discourage the use of such craft for other types of excursions outside lagoon

b) Scuba diving

A commercial pleasure craft licence can be issued for diving purposes to be attached to the diving centre even in restricted areas.

7. Sea-Based Eco-Tourism Activities

An Eco Tourism Panel will be set up to examine applications for sea-based Eco-Tourism activities such as:

- Educational and Scientific Research/Studies
- Scuba Diving activities
- Canoeing
- Kayaking
- Dolphin and Whale Watching
- Sailing
- Innovative
- Any other activity considered as Eco-Tourism Activity

GENERAL INFORMATION

1) Criteria for Innovative Activity

- a) Any activity that does not exist in Mauritius;
- b) Any technological advancement used in connection with the operation of an existing activity that contributes towards the upgrading of the activity;
- c) Exclusive services provided to an existing activity that upgrades the standard of the activity to a higher level; and
- d) Eco-friendly activities that meet the sustainability needs of the industry through the use of non-polluting equipment, practices and processes.

2) Criteria for Big game fishing

Big Game Fishing craft shall meet the following criteria:-

- i. The craft shall be of a minimum length of 10 meters and equipped with cabin, toilet facilities and fitted with fishing lines.
- ii. The following safety equipment shall be available:
 - (a) life raft of same seating capacity of the craft;
 - (b) flags under the International Regulations for Collision at Sea 1972 for all Crafts navigating beyond 12 nautical;
 - (c) at least one radar for all crafts navigating beyond 12 nautical miles;
 - (d) at least one Geographical Positioning System;
 - (e) navigation charts for area which craft intends to navigate;
 - (f) One Barometer;
 - (g) Automatic Identification System (AIS);
 - (h) Satellite phone;
 - (i) SOLAS approved life jackets for each person on board; and
 - (j) Daily log book to be kept on board for inspection.
 - (k) VHF Radio.

3) Authentic craft

An Authentic craft shall be made of timber reflecting the design of traditional crafts powered by a sail and an appropriate outboard or inboard engine and manoeuvred by a rudder

Criteria

- Design of craft shall include a keel.
- Minimum length of authentic craft shall be 25 feet.
- Authentic craft shall be equipped with a sail and appropriate outboard or in board engine.
- Craft shall be wooden varnished colour
- Authentic craft operating outside lagoon only (OLO) shall be fitted with a cabin and a life raft if seating capacity exceeds twelve (12) persons.