



TUVALU SHIP REGISTRY

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REGISTRY CIRCULAR

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FOR: Ship Owners, Ship Managers, Ship Operators

SUBJECT: NORMAL REGISTRATION

PURPOSE: This circular provides guidance for the registration of vessels on the Tuvalu On-line Registry (TOR) platform.

A. GENERAL

1. Normal registration applies for ship owners / operators (in their capacity) who wish to register their vessel(s), whether existing or a newbuilding, for Provisional & Permanent registration under Tuvalu.
2. Upon approval of registration, the vessel shall be granted Provisional registration of up till six (6) months and once the conditions are met for Permanent registration, the vessel will be granted a Permanent Certificate of Registry (COR) with validity of up till five (5) years.
3. Where applicable, the Permanent Minimum Safe Manning Certificate (MSMC) shall also be issued and shall share the same validity as the COR, while the Ship Radio Station Licence (SRSL) shall have a validity of up till one (1) year and shall be renewed annually upon payment of the Annual Fees and Annual Tonnage Taxes.

B. TUVALU ON-LINE REGISTRY (TOR) PLATFORM

1. The Tuvalu Administration has adopted the full implementation of electronic certificates (refer to Marine Circular MC-5/2016/1 for more details).
2. To access the TOR platform, please go to the ONLINE SERVICES menu at <https://tvship.com>.
3. Users who do not have a TOR account are required to apply for one in order to apply for registration and submit all registration documents (refer to Section C of this circular) on the TOR platform.
4. TOR users will be able to access their vessel(s) online and download invoices, registry certificates, exemption letters etc. after a vessel is successfully registered. In addition, a user will also be able to access an array of services which includes applying for crew endorsements (refer to Registry Circular RC-5/2012/1), exemptions, deletion etc.

(Note: Please contact this office either by phone/email (+65-6224-2345 / support@tvship.com) with submission of a screen shot(s) should you experience any problems on the TOR platform)

C. REGISTRATION DOCUMENTS FOR SUBMISSION

1. PROVISIONAL REGISTRATION

The below documents (as applicable) shall be uploaded on TOR at the end of the online registration process in order for the Administration to review the application:

- 1.1. Notarized Bill of Sale (existing vessel) or Builder's Certificate / Builder's Contract (new building)
- 1.2. Existing Registry and Statutory Certificates (existing vessel)
- 1.3. Recognised Organisation (RO) confirmation for change of flag survey (existing vessel) or statutory survey (new building)

1.4. Certificate of Incorporation / Incumbency / Good Standing (registered owner)

1.5. Applicant's Passport or ID

1.6. Power of Attorney to Applicant (if applicable)

2. **PERMANENT REGISTRATION**

For conversion to Permanent registration (no additional fees involved), the following documents shall, before expiry of Provisional registration, be:

2.1. Delivered to the Administration:

2.1.1. Original Notarized Bill of Sale / Builder's Certificate (will be returned after sighting by the Administration)

2.1.2. Original Deletion Certificate from previous registry (applicable to existing vessels)

2.2. Uploaded to the TOR platform:

2.2.1. Full Term Statutory Certificates issued by RO

2.2.2. P&I and H&M Insurance Cover

2.2.3. Continuous Synopsis Record (CSR) File

2.2.4. LRIT Conformance Test Report (if applicable - refer to Marine Circular MC-2/2008/11/12/4)

2.2.5. Certificate of 406 MHz Beacon (EPIRB) Registration Certificate (applicable to self-propelled manned vessels - refer to Marine Circular MC-1/2015/1)

2.2.6. Financial Security in respect of Shipowners' Liability as required under Regulation 4.2, Standard A4.2.1 Para 1(b) of MLC 2006, as amended (if applicable – refer to Marine Circular MC-1/2016/1)

2.2.7. Financial Security in respect of Seafarer Repatriation costs and liabilities as required under Regulation 2.5.2, Standard A2.5.2 of MLC 2006, as amended (if applicable – refer to Marine Circular MC-1/2016/1)

2.3. Applied via the TOR platform:

2.3.1. CSR document under Tuvalu (applicable to vessels that comply to the ISPS Code - refer to Marine Circular MC-4/2007/12/2)

2.3.2. Bunker Convention Certificate (if applicable - refer to Marine Circular MC-1/2008/11/2)

2.3.3. Wreck Removal Convention Certificate (if applicable - refer to Marine Circular MC-2/2015/1)

2.3.4. Civil Liability Convention Certificate (if applicable - refer to Marine Circular MC-10/2015/1)

Best regards,

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Tuvalu Ship Registry