

Please refer to the attached list of public services and list down which ones are connected to this life event:

Describe the life event showing an overview of the process, any requirements or interactions with other entities and in case of more than one service how these services connect together:

Preliminary Application to obtain or transfer a Water Sports Operator's Licence

Application for a Water Sports Operator Licence

What does it entail to get a Water Sports Operator's Licence, in order to hire or reward a vessel within the territorial waters and internal waters of Malta?

In order to obtain a Water Sports Operator's Licence one must:

- Be at least 18 years of age;
- Be a Maltese citizens or Citizen of an EU member;
- Be holders of a permanent address in Malta;

Steps to get a Water Sports Operator's Licence:

1. Research for information:
 - Visit Malta Transport Centre, Marsa. (Tel: 2555 5000).
 - Visit the Malta Transport Authority website Commercial Vessel Licensing – Code of Practice for the Safety of Commercial Vessels – 11th Edition
2. Applying for a Water Sports Operator's Licence:
 - Application Forms to obtain a Water Sports Operators Licence can be obtained from the Authority for Transport in Malta, Ports and Yachting Directorate, or downloaded from Transport Malta's website;
 - Such licence may be issued either in the name of a Company or an individual;
 - In cases where applicant is an individual the following documents must be submitted with application form:
 - a) a copy of the ID card (back and front); and
 - b) Conduct Certificate from the Commissioner of Police;
 - In the event that the operator is a Company the following documents must be submitted with application form:
 - a) A copy of the ID card (back and front) of authorised person representing such company;
 - b) a copy of the Memorandum and Articles of Association;

- A list of craft together with the intended operation of each craft has to be listed in the application form;
- All craft to be listed under such Licence must be in possession of valid Commercial Vessel Certificates issued from the Authority;
- Permits, licences and/or no objection letters may be required from other government agencies, other entities or third parties such as:
 - a) Encroachment Permit and/or No Objection Letter from the Lands Department (Commissioner of Lands) in instances where craft to be operated are placed for hire on public land;
 - b) No objection letter from the Malta Tourism Authority (Ministry of Tourism and Culture) in instances where craft to be operated are placed for hire on sandy beaches or in any other prime areas managed by MTA;
 - c) No objection letter from the owner of private property or hotel in instances where craft to be operated are placed on private property including private concessions of hotels;
 - d) Identification of a craft preferably an engine-powered craft to be used in cases of emergency of life-saving (where applicable);
 - e) A list of instructors/operators together with relative instructor's licence according to the number of sea craft being operated.
- Upon completion of the relative Water Sports Operator's Licence, the Authority issues a billing sheet to respective clients in order to effect payment and collect such licence;
- The due fees are according to the type of activity being applied for as follows:
 - a) Paragliding / Water skiing etc - € 200.00
 - b) Hire of mechanically driven craft - € 200.00
 - c) Hire of paddleboats, canoes and other craft not mechanically driven - € 75.00;

3. Renewal of a Water Sports Operator's Licence:

- The Authority sends a renewal reminder one month before

List any content relevant to this life event which was attached to this form:

- **Brochures;**
- **Publications;**
- **Posters;**
- **Images;**
- **Videos;**
- **etc.**

the expiry date of such licence in order to inform respective clients that their licence will expire. The relative application form in order to renew such licence is also sent to client for ease of reference;

- Client should return the completed form including any required documentation to the Authority at least 3 weeks prior to the expiry date of such licence in order for the Authority to process such renewal;
- Upon completion of the relative Water Sports Operator's Licence, the Authority issues a billing sheet to respective clients in order to effect payment and collect such licence.

The Malta Transport Authority website – Commercial Vessel Licensing – Code of Practice for the Safety Commercial Vessels – 14th Edition:

https://www.transport.gov.mt/14th-edition-of-code-of-practice_October_2021.pdf-f6917

The Malta Transport Authority website – Appointment of Ship Surveyors

https://www.transport.gov.mt/List-of-Surveyors_-25-July-2023.pdf-f8915

Small Ships Regulations S.L. 499.52:

<https://legislation.mt/eli/sl/499.52/eng>