

**APPLICATION FOR A PILOTAGE EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE  
FOR THE DEE ESTUARY PILOTAGE AREA**

**Preliminary Notes**

- 1) Prior to completing this application, the Mostyn Docks Ltd. Pilotage Directions and The Dee Estuary Pilotage Area – Pilotage Regulations must be thoroughly read and understood.
- 2) The last 3 pages of this form must be completed in English, typewritten or printed in block capitals in black or blue ink throughout, and countersigned by the owner of the vessel, or by a senior officer of the company on his behalf.
- 3) The form is to be submitted to the Harbour Master's Office together with the appropriate fee, and evidence of medical fitness, including eyesight, by a medical practitioner equivalent to that required under the Merchant Shipping (Medical Examination) Regulations 1983 as amended or, if for a vessel other than a U.K. registered vessel, the equivalent National Maritime medical certificate.
- 4) The Examination will consist of two parts:
  - a) Practical examination, consisting of a pilotage act whereby the applicant will demonstrate to the Harbour Master or Senior Pilot his or her ship handling abilities, and the thorough understanding of their own vessels handling characteristics including squat and interaction. The applicant will also need to demonstrate; the ability to communicate effectively in English, their local knowledge, compliance with the Dee Estuary Pilotage Area – Pilotage Regulations, and their ability to prepare, implement and monitor an effective pilotage plan. For vessels of less than 50 metres length over all, the pilotage act may be waived at the discretion of the examiner, providing the remaining elements can be demonstrated effectively.
  - b) A formal examination, conducted by the Harbour Master or Senior Pilot, which may be observed by a pilot or Port official, whereby the applicant will demonstrate relevant and applicable knowledge in regard to their own vessel and the Port of Mostyn Competent Harbour Authority (CHA) area in each of the following elements:

Port and Pilotage Regulations,  
The Port Marine Safety Code,  
The National Occupational Standards for Marine Pilots,  
The Pilotage Act 1987,  
Speed Limits,  
Local Notices to Mariners,  
Vessel Traffic Service / Local Port Service,  
VHF Communications,  
Sound Signals,  
Aids to Navigation, and other marks,  
Restricted visibility procedures,  
Coastal features,  
Tidal streams and prevailing winds,  
Anchorage areas / prohibited anchor areas (pipelines, etc.),  
Tide limits and constraints, depths in channel and heights of  
banks, channel tracks and distances, maximum air draft and  
height of bridges,  
Use of tide boards and remote tide gauges,  
Berths and depths alongside,  
Emergency Plans and Oil Spill Contingency Plans,  
Abort positions and passing points,  
Local traffic patterns including workboats fishing vessels  
and recreational craft.

- 5) Upon satisfactory examination a PEC will issued by the Harbour Authority entitling the holder to navigate the named vessel(s) over the whole of, or part of the Dee Estuary Pilotage Area as examined upon and specified on his / her certificate. The Certificate will be valid for a period of 12 months only, but may be revalidated without examination provided that the minimum tripping requirements are completed in the 12 month period since the certificate was issued or last revalidated and that evidence of continued medical fitness, including eyesight is produced. However all PEC holders will be re-assessed and re-examined at intervals not exceeding 5 years, and Mostyn Docks Ltd may at its discretion require an applicant for renewal of a PEC to submit for re-assessment and re-examination at any time.
- 6) In the event that a PEC applicant requires more than one vessel to be named on the certificate, then if the vessels differ significantly in size or manoeuvring characteristics then the applicant will need to demonstrate proficiency by practical examination in each vessel.
- 7) If an applicant is unsuccessful in examination the reasons will be fully explained to them, and they may reapply for examination after a further 3 trips have been completed.
- 8) An application for revalidating a PEC is the responsibility of the holder and must be made at least 14 days prior to the expiry of the existing PEC.

Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Nationality \_\_\_\_\_

**Certificate of Competency**

Class \_\_\_\_\_ Number \_\_\_\_\_ Date issued \_\_\_\_\_ Issued by \_\_\_\_\_

Do you currently hold a PEC for the Dee Estuary Pilotage Area? Yes / No

If Yes Number \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Expiry \_\_\_\_\_

**Any other PEC held**

Pilotage District / Port \_\_\_\_\_ Date Issued \_\_\_\_\_

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**Details of Vessel for which the Exemption Certificate is required**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Port of Registry \_\_\_\_\_

Length overall \_\_\_\_\_ m. Gross Tonnage \_\_\_\_\_ Bow Thruster yes/no

Owner's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

(If more than one vessel is to be named on the Certificate please furnish full details on a separate sheet.)

**Dangerous Substances**

Does the vessel carry dangerous substances in bulk? Yes/ No

**Experience within the Dee Estuary Pilotage Area as Master or Mate in the particular vessel for which the Pilotage Exemption Certificate is required, or in vessels of substantially the same class.**

Master or Mate	Name of Vessel	From	To	Date	Day or Night	Tide/Current Condition (Flood /Ebb)

**Applicants for a new PEC must have completed the tripping requirements as specified in Regulation 3c of The Dee Estuary Pilotage Area – Pilotage Regulations.**

**Declarations by Applicant**

**I hereby declare that the information I have supplied is correct, and I confirm that I have studied and am familiar (where applicable) with the following:-**

- (a) The Mostyn Docks Pilotage Directions, and other documentation as listed in section 4b of this application form.
- (b) The Dee Estuary Pilotage Area - Pilotage Regulations
- (c) Chart No. 1953 : Approaches to the River Dee
- (d) Chart No. 1978 : Great Ormes Head to Liverpool
- (e) The Approaches to the River Dee, the depths of water, in particular the depths within the Mostyn Channel.
- (f) The characteristics of every buoy, aid to navigation and fixed shore marks in the area for which I am being examined.
- (g) The traffic patterns of vessels approaching and leaving the Dee, together with safe anchorage positions.
- (h) The limits of the Dee Estuary Pilotage area.
- (i) Tidal streams within the Estuary, direction and strength.

**I also confirm that I will strictly comply with the requirements of ‘The Dee Estuary Pilotage Area- Pilotage Regulations’, while I have the conduct of a vessel navigating or intending to navigate within the Dee Pilotage Area. I understand and agree that any failure to comply with these regulations in particular Regulation 9 will immediately invalidate my Pilotage Exemption Certificate, and that Mostyn Docks Limited as the Competent Harbour Authority for Pilotage will take appropriate action in accordance with regulation 12 of the same regulations.**

**Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_**

**Declaration of Agreement on behalf of Owners**

**I confirm that the information given in this application for a Pilotage Exemption Certificate is correct and that the applicant is of sober habits and good conduct. I understand that use of the PEC is strictly in accordance with the requirements of ‘The Dee Estuary Pilotage Area- Pilotage Regulations’ and agree that any failure on the part of the PEC holder to comply with these regulations will immediately invalidate the Pilotage Exemption Certificate.**

**Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name \_\_\_\_\_**

**Company Stamp**

**Name of Company \_\_\_\_\_**

**Position \_\_\_\_\_**

**Date \_\_\_\_\_**