

## **ADVISORY COMMITTEES UNDER THE MARINE DEPARTMENT**

### **Fee Revision Proposal**

#### **PURPOSE**

This paper seeks members' comments on the fee revision proposal on the following fees and charges under the respective purview of their committees:

- (i) port facilities and light dues charged on all ocean-going vessels;
- (ii) port facilities and light dues charged on all high speed passenger craft plying exclusively within the river-trade limits;
- (iii) fees for permit to remain - Single Entry Permit charged on river trade vessels (RTVs);
- (iv) fees for permit to remain - Multiple Entry Permit charged on RTVs;
- (v) registration fee for Hong Kong registered ship;
- (vi) fees for all "Sea-going" and "River-trade" deck and marine engineer officer on Certificate of Competency examination; and
- (vii) other miscellaneous charges in relation to seafarers.

#### **BACKGROUND**

2. It is a Government's policy that fees and charges are in general set at a full cost recovery level. The Marine Department (MD) reviews the fees and charges for marine services with respect to the costs from time to time, which may subsequently lead to an increase, decrease or freeze of the fees and charges under review. The MD has recently reviewed the fees prescribed under the following

regulations in order to improve the cost recovery rate:

- (a) Under the Shipping and Port Control Regulations (Cap. 313A), high speed passenger craft plying exclusively within the “River-trade” limits and ocean-going vessels are required to pay the port dues and fees prescribed in the Thirteenth Schedule to Cap. 313A on each occasion of entry to the waters of Hong Kong;
- (b) Under the Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) (General) Regulation (Cap. 548F), a RTV that enters Hong Kong is required to obtain a “Permit to Remain” for remaining in the waters of Hong Kong. There are two kinds of such permit, the single entry permit (SEP) valid for seven days for one trip only and the multiple entry permit (MEP) valid for one month for up to 10 trips. The fees for these two kinds of permit are separately prescribed in the Second Schedule to the Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) (Fees) Regulation (Cap. 548J); and
- (c) Ship registration fees, seafarers examination fees and other miscellaneous charges in relation to seafarers are regulated by the Merchant Shipping (Registration) (Fees and Charges) Regulations, Cap. 415A and the Merchant Shipping (Seafarers) (Fees) Regulation, Cap. 478AB respectively.

3. The findings of the review indicate that the fees and charges for high speed craft, ocean-going vessels and RTVs should be increased by about 13%, whereas the registration fees for Hong Kong registered ships as well as the fees for examinations for Certificate of Competency for “Sea-going” and “River-trade” deck and marine engineer officer and other miscellaneous charges in relation to seafarers could be reduced by about 10%. The details are set out in the following section.

## **PROPOSAL**

4. The proposed fee revision in relation to the **Local Vessels Advisory Committee**:

Fee Items	Existing Fee	Proposed Fee
port facilities and light dues - High Speed Craft	\$18/100 tons	\$20/100 tons
port facilities and light dues - Ocean Going Vessels	\$43/100 tons	\$49/100 tons
fees for permit to remain - Single Entry	\$820 (first 400m <sup>2</sup> )	\$925 (first 400m <sup>2</sup> )
	\$2.2 (each m <sup>2</sup> thereafter)	\$2.5 (each m <sup>2</sup> thereafter)
fees for permit to remain - Multiple Entry	\$4,100 (first 400m <sup>2</sup> )	\$4,630 (first 400m <sup>2</sup> )
	\$11 (each m <sup>2</sup> thereafter)	\$12 (each m <sup>2</sup> thereafter)

5. The proposed fee revision in relation to the **Seafarers' Advisory Board**:

(a) **Cap 478AB - Merchant Shipping (Seafarers) (Fees) Regulation**

Sch. Part II	Description	Existing fee	Proposed fee
<b><i>Fees for examinations for certificates of competency as Deck Officers</i></b>			
1(a)	Deck Officer Class 1 (Master Mariner)	\$9,250 <sup>1</sup>	\$8,080
1(b)	Deck Officer Class 2	\$6,940 <sup>1</sup>	\$6,000
1(c)	Deck Officer Class 3	\$4,820 <sup>1</sup>	\$4,100
1(d)	Deck Officer (River Trade) Class 1	\$6,940 <sup>1</sup>	\$6,000
1(e)	Deck Officer (River Trade) Class 2	\$4,820 <sup>1</sup>	\$4,100
1(f)	Deck Officer (River Trade) Class 3	\$3,090 <sup>1</sup>	\$2,540
1(g)	For an examination in communications in relation to sub-item (b), (c) or (e), if taken separately from the remainder of the full examination	\$790	\$710

<b><i>Fees for examinations for certificates of competency as Marine Engineer Officers</i></b>			
<b>Marine Engineer Officer Class 1</b>			
2(a)(i)	For Part A or a portion thereof, or for	\$3,090	\$2,780

<sup>1</sup> An eyesight test fee of \$270 is to be deducted because the MD is no longer required to provide the test. The related legislative amendment to be implemented has been passed by the Legislative Council and published as L.N. 82 of 2016. The proposed fees have taken the deduction into consideration.

	exemption from all of Part A		
2(a)(ii)	For Part B or a portion thereof	\$4,620	\$4,160
2(a)(iii)	For oral examination if taken separately	\$4,620	\$4,160
2(a)(iv)	For endorsement of a Marine Engineer Officer Class 1 Certificate	\$2,890	\$2,600
2(a)(v)	For issuing a Marine Engineer Officer Class 1 Part A Exemption Certificate	\$475	\$430

<b>Marine Engineer Officer Class 2</b>			
2(b)(i)	For Part A or a portion thereof, or for exemption from all of Part A	\$2,320	\$2,090
2(b)(ii)	For Part B or a portion thereof (including fees for the oral examination if taken together with Part B)	\$3,480	\$3,130
2(b)(iii)	For oral examination if taken separately	\$3,480	\$3,130
2(b)(iv)	For endorsement of a Marine Engineer Officer Class 2 Certificate	\$1,930	\$1,740
2(b)(v)	For issuing a Marine Engineer Officer Class 2 Part A Exemption Certificate	\$475	\$430

Sch. Part II	Description	Existing fee	Proposed fee
<b>Marine Engineer Officer Class 3</b>			
2(c)(i)	For a full examination	\$1,930	\$1,740
2(c)(ii)	For endorsement of a Marine Engineer Officer Class 3 Certificate	\$1,550	\$1,400

<b>Marine Engineer Officer (River Trade)</b>			
2(d)	Marine Engineer Officer (River Trade) Class 1	\$6,940	\$6,250
2(e)	Marine Engineer Officer (River Trade) Class 2	\$4,820	\$4,340
2(f)	Marine Engineer Officer (River Trade) Class 3	\$2,400	\$2,160

<b>Electro-technical Officer Class ETO</b>			
2A(a)	For Part A or a portion of it, or for exemption from all of Part A	\$580	\$520

2A(b)	For Part B or a portion of it (including fees for the oral examination if taken together with Part B)	\$2,510	\$2,260
2A(c)	For oral examination if taken separately	\$1,930	\$1,740

<b><i>Fee for issue of a licence</i></b>			
5	Fee for issue of a licence (with or without endorsement) as Deck Officers or Marine Engineer Officers, Class 1, Class 2 or Class 3, or Electro-technical Officers Class ETO, without examination	\$400	\$360

<b><i>Fees for miscellaneous examinations, certificates and endorsements</i></b>			
6(d)	For an examination of a candidate for an acting appointment as deck officer or marine engineer officer of a Hong Kong ship	\$7,535	\$6,780
6(e)	For a certificate of service	\$890	\$800
6(g)	For endorsement of a certificate of competency, a certificate of service or a licence for the continued proficiency and updating of knowledge	\$530	\$475
6(h)	For a certificate of competency which is a Type Rating Certificate	\$150	\$135

Sch. Part II	Description	Existing fee	Proposed fee
<b><i>Fees for copies of certificates or licences issued under Part II -</i></b>			
7(a)	For a copy of a certificate of competency (other than a Type Rating Certificate), a certificate of service or a licence	\$220	\$200
7(c)	For a copy of a radar maintenance certificate	\$150	\$135
7(d)	For a copy of a certificate of competency which is a Type Rating Certificate	\$150	\$135

<b><i>Fees for a copy of any determination</i></b>			
8	For a copy of any determination made	\$155	\$140

	under section 8 or 10 of the Merchant Shipping (Seafarers) (Certification of Officers) Regulation (Cap. 478 sub. leg. J)		
8A	For a copy of any determination made under section 5A of the Merchant Shipping (Seafarers) (Engine Room Watch Ratings and Electro-technical Ratings) Regulation (Cap. 478 sub. leg. V)	\$155	\$140
8B	For a copy of any determination made under section 10 of the Merchant Shipping (Seafarers) (Safety, Security and Designated Duties Training) Regulation (Cap. 478 sub. leg. AJ)	\$155	\$140
8C	For a copy of any determination made under section 9 of the Merchant Shipping (Seafarers) (Certificates of Proficiency for Able Seafarers) Regulation (Cap. 478 sub. leg. AI)	\$155	\$140
8D	For a copy of any determination made under section 7 of the Merchant Shipping (Seafarers) (Navigational Watch) Regulation (Cap. 478 sub. leg. AH)	\$155	\$140
8E	For a copy of any determination made under section 7 of the Merchant Shipping (Seafarers) (Tankers) Regulation (Cap. 478 sub. leg. AG)	\$155	\$140

Sch. Part II	Description	Existing fee	Proposed fee
<b><i>Fees for miscellaneous endorsements</i></b>			
11	For endorsement of validity of a certificate of competency, a certificate of service or a licence	\$155	\$140

<b><i>Fees for miscellaneous certificates</i></b>			
12	For issue of an exemption certificate for certificates of competency as Deck Officers, or Marine Engineer Officers,	\$4,130	\$3,720

	Class 1, Class 2 or Class 3		
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Sch. Part III	Description	Existing fee	Proposed fee
<b><i>Fees in relation to a certificate of proficiency</i></b>			
8(b)	For issue of a copy of a certificate of proficiency under the Merchant Shipping (Seafarers) (Engine Room Watch Ratings and Electro-technical Ratings) Regulation (Cap. 478 sub. leg. V)	\$155	\$140
9A(b)	For issue of a copy of a certificate of proficiency under the Merchant Shipping (Seafarers) (Safety, Security and Designated Duties Training) Regulation (Cap. 478 sub. leg. AJ)	\$155	\$140
9B(b)	For issue of a copy of a certificate of proficiency under the Merchant Shipping (Seafarers) (Certificates of Proficiency for Able Seafarers) Regulation (Cap. 478 sub. leg. AI)	\$155	\$140
9C(b)	For issue of a copy of a certificate of proficiency under the Merchant Shipping (Seafarers) (Navigational Watch) Regulation (Cap. 478 sub. leg. AH)	\$155	\$140
9D(b)	For issue of a copy of a certificate of proficiency under the Merchant Shipping (Seafarers) (Tankers) Regulation (Cap. 478 sub. leg. AG)	\$155	\$140

(b) **Cap 478AB - Merchant Shipping (Seafarers) (Fees) Regulation**

Sch. Part III	Description	Existing fee	Proposed fee
<b><i>For attesting crews' account of wages and performed</i></b>			
4(a)	At the Office and for each seafarer	\$160	\$145
4(b)	Other than at the Office and for each seafarer	\$160 + \$535/hour	\$145 + \$480/hour
<b><i>For miscellaneous services under Part III</i></b>			

6(a)	For issue of a certified copy of, or extract from, a document or statement of sea service - Each folio of 90 words or part thereof	\$285	\$255
6(b)	For each sheet of a Rank Xerox (or similar) copy of a document provided by the Office	\$15 subject to a minimum of \$220 including search fee.	\$14 subject to a minimum of \$200 including search fee.
6(d)	For any search of the Office records at request of applicant	\$200	\$180
6(e)	For the production by any officer of the Office of a ship's official log book or crew agreement in any court of law or at any inquiry on behalf of an applicant for the production thereof – per set	\$535	\$480
6(g)	For taking custody of a ship's crew agreement and making any necessary endorsement thereon	\$285	\$255
6(h)	For certifying a desertion (per seafarer)	\$285	\$255
<b><i>Fees in relation to employment registration books</i></b>			
10(b)	For issue of an employment registration book under section 12(1) of the Merchant Shipping (Seafarers) (Employment Registration Books) Regulation (Cap. 478 sub. leg. U)	\$105	\$95
10(d)	For copying a complete sea service record into an employment registration book consequent to the loss, destruction or defacement of a previously issued employment registration book	\$10	\$9

6. The proposed fee revision in relation to the **Hong Kong Fleet Operation Advisory Committee**:

(a) **Cap 415A – Merchant Shipping (Registration) (Fees and Charges) Regulations**



Sch.	Description	Existing fee	Proposed fee
Part 1, item 1(a)	For registration of a ship of 500 gross tonnage or below	\$3,500	\$3,150
Part 1, item 1 (b)	For registration of a ship exceeding 500 gross tonnage	\$15,000	\$13,500
Part 3, item 1(a)	Annual tonnage charge	\$1,500 (1000 net tonnage or below )	\$1,350
Part 3, item 1(b)	Annual tonnage charge for each additional net tonnage or part thereof – over 1 000 net tonnage	\$3 to \$3.5 (each net tonnage thereafter)	\$2.7 to \$3.2
		\$77,500 (maximum)	\$69,750
Regulation 4	Reduction of Annual Tonnage charge (ATC) in the 3 <sup>rd</sup> year for ships that have not been detained in the 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> year as an award to the shipowners for having maintained their ships in good conditions	50%	100%

7. The proposed fee revision in relation to the **High Speed Craft Consultative Committee**:

(a) **Cap 313A – Shipping and Port Control Regulations**

Fee Items	Existing Fee	Proposed Fee
port facilities and light dues - High Speed Craft	\$18/100 tons	\$20/100 tons

(b) **Cap 415A – Merchant Shipping (Registration) (Fees and Charges) Regulations**

Please refer to paragraph 6.

(c) **Cap 478AB – Merchant Shipping (Seafarers) (Fees) Regulation**

Please refer to paragraph 5(a).

(d) **Cap 478AB – Merchant Shipping (Seafarers) (Fees) Regulation**

Please refer to paragraph 5(b).

**ADVICE SOUGHT**

8. Members are invited to comment on the fee revision proposals under the respective purview of their committees. It should be noted that the final fee revision rate will be determined by the overall costs of marine services instead of the endorsement or not of individual items.

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