

Abstract of Section 6, Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) (Certification and Licensing) Regulation (Cap.548D)

6.Restrictions on Class IV vessels

- (1) A Class IV vessel shall not be used otherwise than—
 - (a) by the owner exclusively for pleasure purposes; or
 - (b) if it has been let to any person, by that person exclusively for pleasure purposes.
- (1A) A Class IV vessel must not be let for hire or reward unless there is an endorsement on the vessel's operating licence showing that approval for the vessel to be let for hire or reward has been given by the Director.
- (1B) If an owner of a Class IV vessel intends to let the vessel for hire or reward for an intended service that involves the carriage of passengers, the owner must, when applying for or renewing an operating licence in respect of the vessel—
 - (a) indicate that it is the owner's intention to let the vessel for hire or reward;
 - (b) submit to the Director copies of the certificate of inspection or certificate of survey referred to in subsection (3)(a) and the policy of insurance referred to in subsection (3)(b); and
 - (c) seek the Director's approval for the vessel to be let for hire or reward.
- (1C) If the Director approves a Class IV vessel to be let for hire or reward, the Director must make an endorsement to that effect on the vessel's operating licence.
- (1D) If subsection (1A) is contravened in respect of a vessel, the owner of the vessel, the owner's agent and the coxswain of the vessel each commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine at level 3.
- (1E) During the transitional period, a contravention of subsection (1A) does not constitute an offence under subsection (1D).
- (1F) For subsection (1E), transitional period means the 12-month period beginning on 1 August 2020.