

Information Paper

LOCAL VESSELS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Licensing Requirements for Class IV PVs for Hire or Reward
on or after 1 August 2021**

Purpose

This information paper reminds Members of the ending of the 12-month transitional period on 31 July 2021 and the full implementation of the new licensing requirements on 1 August 2021 for Class IV vessels let for hire or reward. Members are invited to note the content of this paper.

Background

2. In 2020, the Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) (Certification and Licensing) Regulation (Cap.548D) was amended to impose the requirement that the owner of a Class IV vessel must obtain the Director of Marine's prior approval and endorsement on the vessel's operating licence if the vessel is to be let for hire or reward (the requirement). The amendment came into force on 1 August 2020.

Amendment Requirement

3. The amendment requires that, starting from 1 August 2021, 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. For details of the requirement, please refer to section 6 of Cap.548D.

Way Forward

4. Members are invited to note the full implementation of the amendment requirement, and to inform parties concerned for compliance.

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