

# Isle of Man Ship Registry Technical Advisory Notice

## Annual Fee Discounts for Vessels Using Green Technology

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Owners are entitled to apply for one of two discounts available for vessels that are taking proactive steps to reduce their carbon intensity beyond what is required by international regulations. The purpose of this notice is to explain the discounts available, how owners can apply for the discounts, and the evidence required to be submitted to receive the discount.

The two available discounts are as follows:

### **1) Vessels With Specified Green Technologies (15% discount)**

This discount is available to cargo ships, passenger ships and commercial yachts.

A 15% discount on the annual registration fee is available to the above vessel types that are able to demonstrate any of the five items shown in the table below. Also shown is the evidence required to verify the implementation of the technology and apply the discount:

| Green Technology  | Evidence Required   |
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| The vessel's use of biofuel or biofuel blends as the primary source of fuel for power (main and/or auxiliary engines) for a period of not less than 120 days during the 12 months preceding the 1 April of the fee year in question | To be considered on a case-by-case basis but likely to include bunker delivery notes or fuel consumption figures for the relevant period.   |
| The vessel's ability to use any of the following alternative fuels - liquefied natural gas (LNG), liquefied petroleum gas (LPG), methanol, ammonia, hydrogen, hydrogen enriched fuel, fuel cells, or battery systems;               | Class/Engine designation to demonstrate vessel is capable of dual fuel operation or pure 'alternative fuel' operation.  |
| The vessel's ability to use wind assisted propulsion or wind energy for power generation  | To be considered on a case-by-case basis but likely to include the following:<br><br>For cargo ships evidence of the installation of a wind harnessing technology will need to be supplied. Sailing yachts will need to make an initial 'as built' request for this discount to be applied. |
| The vessel's ability to use shore-side energy to provide continuous electrical power to the vessel's equipment (refrigeration, cooling, heating, lighting, emergency and other equipment) while the vessel is berthed with its      | Class design appraisal of a purpose designed system or similar documentation.   |



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| main and auxiliary engines turned off (cold ironing).  |   |
| The vessel's ability to use an Air Lubrication System to produce a layer of bubbles that reduces drag and resistance between the vessel and the water. | Class design appraisal of a purpose designed system or similar documentation. |

Green technologies not listed in the table above will not be eligible for the discount.

## **2) Energy Efficiency Design Index (EEDI) Discount**

This is an existing discount available to cargo ships, passenger ships or commercial yachts but will exclude vessels that do not have an 'Attained EEDI' (in general this is vessels constructed before 1 January 2013 and vessels under 400gt).

Any such vessel that significantly exceeds the IMO's current 'Required EEDI' for new vessels will be eligible for a discount of 10% on their annual registration fee irrespective of the green technology used to achieve this. In general, a vessel will qualify for this discount if it's 'Attained EEDI' meets the 'Required EEDI' that will be in force in 5 years' time, as applied by MARPOL Annex VI.

A vessel's 'Attained EEDI' is recorded on the supplement to the International Energy Efficiency Certificate (IEEC). To apply for this discount, it will be necessary to submit a copy of the IEEC and supplement as evidence.

## **3) How to Apply**

In order to apply for either of the discounts it will be necessary to complete [the form available on the Ship Registry website](#) and email this to [marine.survey@gov.im](mailto:marine.survey@gov.im) together with the supporting evidence in PDF format (please note we cannot receive files by dropbox). This must be submitted prior to **1<sup>st</sup> April** to receive the discount for the current year

If your vessel is granted a discount under Section 1, this will continue to apply each year and it will not be necessary to re-apply **unless** it relates to use of biofuels. As this discount is based upon actual consumption of biofuels during the previous 12 months evidence must be submitted on an annual basis.

If your vessel is currently in receipt of the EEDI discount referred to in Section 2 of this notice, this will continue and it is not necessary to re-apply. However, owners should be aware that this discount may cease to apply as the Attained EEDI targets increase under MARPOL Annex VI.

Only one discount can be applied to a vessel's annual fee. Where a vessel qualifies for both discounts, only a 15% discount under section 1 will be applied.

## **4) Further Information**

For full information on our fees and the applicable discounts, please see the [Merchant Shipping \(Fees\) Regulations 2023](#).

*Please note - The Isle of Man Ship Registry cannot give legal advice. Where this document provides guidance on the law it should not be regarded as definitive. The way the law applies to any particular case can vary according to circumstances - for example, from vessel to vessel. You should consider seeking independent legal advice if you are unsure of your own legal position.*

