

Guidelines to Ship Registration under Seychelles Flag

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A. Eligibility

Vessels eligible for the registration under the Seychelles flag must be wholly owned by:

- Either a Seychelles citizen or
- A Seychelles Body Corporate established either as an [International Business Company](#) (IBC) with the Seychelles International Business Authority (SIBA), or as a Domestic company with the Registrar of Companies.

As a rule, to safeguard the image of the Seychelles and to prevent substandard ships from entering the Seychelles Registrar, a policy has been adopted that the ship must be not older than 15 years. However, if the Ship is older than that age limit, usually an absolute limit of 25 years, the vessel will be considered to be able to register if the vessel owner can produce necessary builders certificates and documentation that proves that the ship has been serviced / repaired /maintained according to international standards..

A ship is usually registered for an initial period of 90 days, extendable for another 90 days. Application to provisionally register a ship is done in many cases through a Seychelles Diplomatic or Consular representative abroad. Once all documents have been submitted and all requirements met, as will be described below, the ship can be provisionally registered.

During this period the vessel owner may wish to permanently register the vessel. No other fees will have to be paid if such registration is done in the 90-day period that the vessel is registered provisionally. Only annual fees are then payable.

B. Recognized Classification Societies

The present recognised and authorised Classification societies by the Seychelles Ship Registrar are listed below.

- Lloyd's register of Shipping (UK)
- Bureau Veritas (France)
- Nippon Kaiji Ryokai (Japan)
- Det Norske Veritas (Norway)
- America Bureau of Shipping (USA)
- Germanischer Lloyd (Germany)

C. Advantages of Registering a vessel under Seychelles Flag

- Exemption from all business taxes, work permits and social security contributions for non-Seychellois personnel.
- Ownership of ship can be 100% foreign
- When registering a second ship within 12 months of the first registration, owners of ships are entitled to a rebate of 30% on second ship

- Parallel registration is possible under the Merchant Shipping Act when leasing a boat and can be flagged by both registries.

Seychelles is member of the United Nations, the Commonwealth, the group of non-aligned countries, the Indian Ocean Commission, and the International Maritime Organization, and ships flying the Seychelles flag get friendly treatment worldwide

D. Procedures for Provisional Registration

If the ship is registered under a body corporate, a certified copy of the Certificate of Incorporation is required. Such incorporation can either be done as an IBC or as a domestic company from whom the necessary documents can be procured.

The vessel owners, or companies managing the vessel will represent additional information that is required by the Ship Registrar in the various forms that have to be filled out

E. Particulars Required for Provisional Registration

- Application for Registration of Ship as Seychelles Ship, official number and call sign.
- A certificate signed by the builder of the ship and containing: i) a description of the ship; ii) the estimated tonnage of the ship; iii) the date and place of construction of the ship; and iv) the name of the person, if any, on whose account the ship was built.
- Where the vessel has been registered under the law of a foreign country, a Certificate of Deletion as evidence that registration in that country has ceased.
- Evidence that the applicant is the owner of the ship, through a Declaration of Ownership
- A list of not less than three alternative names, numbered and order of performance, under which the ship is proposed to be registered.
- Radio license, which requires to be approved by the Ministry of Information Technology and Communications, and which the Seychelles Licensing Authority licenses.
- Certificate of Incorporation if a Seychelles Body Corporate owns vessel.

F. The forms required for Provisional registration of the Vessel

1. Application for Registration of Ship as Seychelles Ship, Official Number and Call Sign. Click here to [Download](#) this form (pdf format)
2. Declaration of Ownership. Click here to [Download](#) this form (pdf format)
3. Application for a Telecoms/Radio License. Click here to [Download](#) this form (pdf format)
4. Application for activation of Maritime Mobile Earth Station. Click here to [Download](#) this form (pdf format)

Note: Please print and complete all sections of these forms before submitting it to us either by mail or fax to the following address:

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Seychelles.
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Email: siba@seychelles.net
Website: www.siba.net

G. Permanent Registration

After the 90-day period, or after the expiry of the extension of the registration certificate, the vessel can be permanently registered at no extra cost. The vessel owner must submit the following statutory certificates and documents.

- Certificate of class
- Cargo ship safety equipment certificate
- Cargo ship safety construction certificate
- International oil pollution certificate
- Minimum safe manning certificate
- Load line certificate
- GMDSS safety radio certificate
- Declaration of transfer
- Bill of sale

Note: ISM Code will be in force for cargo vessels on July 2002.

H. Fees

Initial Fees	US\$
0 - 9,999 Gross Tons (GRT)	1.00/GRT with a minimum of 500
10,000 - 49,999 GRT	US\$ 10,000 plus US\$ 0.45/GRT for each ton in excess of 10,000GRT
50,000 Gross tons or more	\$30,000 plus \$0.20/GT for each ton in excess of 50,000 GT

Annual Fees	US\$
0 -1,599 Gross Tons	0.50 / GT
1,600 - 4,999 Gross Tons	0.40 / GT
5,000 - 9,999 Gross Tons	0.20 / GT
10,000 or more Gross Tons	0.10 / GT

Mortgages	US\$
Mortgage Registration	300
Transfer of Mortgage	200
Cancellation of Mortgage	100

Rebate

Owners registering a second or more ships within 12 months of first registration are entitled to a rebate of 30% on registered vessels.

Cost of Statutory Certificates

Once all the documents have been submitted and fees have been paid for provisional registration, the Ship registrar will issue the following certificates, depending on the type

Certificate of Provisional Registration	US\$ 150.00
International Tonnage Certificate (if Applicable)	US\$ 150.00
Minimum Safe Manning Certificate	US\$ 150.00
Ships carving and marking Note	US\$ 150.00
Change of Name Certificate (if applicable)	US\$ 150.00
Certificate of Parallel Registry (if applicable)	US\$ 150.00
Provisional Certificate of Registry	US\$ 150.00
International Loadline Certificate (if applicable)	US\$ 150.00
International Oil Pollution Prevention Certificate (if applicable)	US\$ 150.00

International Fishing Safety Certificate (if applicable)	US\$ 150.00
Cargo Ship Safety Equipment Certificate (if applicable)	US\$ 150.00
Deletion Certificate (if applicable)	US\$ 150.00