Approval in Principle for Marine Crew arriving by the maritime border

Request Form

This form should be completed to request an approval in principle for a marine crew exception to New Zealand’s current border restrictions for:

• One or more marine crew working aboard a ship;
• Who are either required for the operation of the ship to travel to New Zealand; or are a specialist marine worker (see definitions below);
• Where the vessel is allowed to arrive in New Zealand.

All foreign ships must meet the requirements under the COVID-19 Public Health Response (Maritime Border) Order 2020 and if required get permission from the Ministry of Health before completing this form.

Evidence that approval is being sought from the Ministry of Health, if required.

DEFINITIONS

Required for the Operation of the Ship

Marine crew are considered to be required for the operation of the ship if they are working on the ship as crew and are essential for the operation of the ship to travel to New Zealand. This specifically excludes anyone on a ship travelling as a passenger.

Specialist Marine Worker

A specialist marine worker is any person who:

i. is travelling to New Zealand on a vessel that has been granted permission by the Ministry of Health to arrive in New Zealand for the purpose of delivering the ship to a business under the Maritime Border Order; and
ii. has unique experience and technical or specialist skills that are not readily obtainable in New Zealand and those experience and skills are related to the same purpose for which the vessel has been approved to travel to New Zealand, as outlined in (i).

Requests for approval in principle for marine crew arriving by sea can only be made by the following people:

• owner or operator of a ship;
• authorised agent (such as shipping agent) for a ship owner or operator;
• the employer or principle of marine crew of the ship;
• a licensed immigration advisor or lawyer exempt from licensing under the Immigration Advisers Licensing Act 2007.

Requests made directly by the individual marine crew member/s using this form will not be considered.

Once completed, please email this form to maritime.arrivals@mbie.govt.nz with any supporting documents.
When filling in this form, please write clearly using CAPITAL LETTERS.

1. Provide details of the ship (name, vessel type, flagged state, IMO number (if applicable))

2. Provide details of all the persons aboard the ship that require a maritime border travel exception

   The first table is for crew required for the operation of the ship to travel to New Zealand. The second table is for specialist marine workers. Please note that Immigration New Zealand will make the final assessments.

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3. Provide details of the Journey (port of embarkation, time at sea, expected port of arrival, expected time of arrival)
4 Please provide a summary explaining the need for the ship to travel to New Zealand.

Is the ship a fishing vessel? ☐ Yes (Go to Section 5) ☐ No

Is the ship being delivered to a business in New Zealand? ☐ Yes (Go to Section 6) ☐ No

5 Fishing vessels

Does the ship need to unload catch? ☐ Yes (Provide full details below) ☐ No

Does the ship need to replace crew? ☐ Yes (Provide details of crew signing on and off the ship) ☐ No

Does the ship need to reprovision or refuel? ☐ Yes (Provide full details below) ☐ No

Details:

6 Delivery of vessel to a business in New Zealand

a. Is the ship a foreign flagged vessel? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b. Is the ship being delivered to a business for repair, refit or refurbishment? ☐ Yes (Provide details on the right) ☐ No (Go to 6c)

Supporting documentation should be provided of repair, refit or refurbishment work.

List of repair, refit or refurbishment work to be undertaken on the ship

Full cost of the repair, refit or refurbishment work that will be undertaken on the ship
c. Is the ship being delivered to a business for the purposes of the running of the business?

- Yes (Provide details on the right)
- No

Name of business that will be receiving the ship

Role the ship will be undertaking in the running of the business

d. Are you including specialist marine workers in your request?

- Yes (Provide details on the right and attach supporting evidence)
- No

Outline the unique experience and technical or specialist skills of the specialist marine worker(s) and how these are related to the purpose for which the vessel has been approved to arrive in New Zealand.

7 Supporting evidence

Has supporting evidence been attached to this form?

- Yes
- No

Declaration

This section must be read and signed by a person who has authority to request an approval in principle for marine crew, and make representations on behalf of the employer, principal, owner or operator, or authorised agent.

I understand the notes and questions in this form and I declare that the information given is true and correct.

I authorise Immigration New Zealand to make any enquiries it deems necessary in respect of the documents or information provided in respect of this form and share information provided about me or my business with other government agencies (including overseas agencies) to the extent necessary to make decisions on this request for approval in principle for marine crew.

Name/Signature ____________________________ Date ____________________________

Title and role ____________________________ Date ____________________________

(e.g. owner of the ship, authorised agent, employer or principal of marine crew, Immigration advisor)