

Pilotage Policy

1. The Langstone Harbour Board (LHB) is a Competent Harbour Authority (CHA) within the meaning of the Pilotage Act 1987. The Board has published Pilotage Directions to define the limits of LHB's Pilotage District and the circumstances in which pilotage is compulsory. Regulations for the issue and administration of Pilotage Exemption Certificates (PECs) have also been made in accordance with the Board's Pilotage Directions.
2. In respect to pilotage, it is the policy of LHB to:
 - (i) Ensure that the operation of the pilotage service is compliant with national regulations, guidelines and competency standards;
 - (ii) Keep its obligations under Section 2(1) of the Pilotage Act, 1987 (as follows) under review:

“Each competent harbour authority shall keep under consideration—

 - (a) *whether any and, if so, what pilotage services need to be provided to secure the safety of ships navigating in or in the approaches to its harbour; and*
 - (b) *whether in the interests of safety pilotage should be compulsory for ships navigating in any part of that harbour or its approaches and, if so, for which ships and in which circumstances and what pilotage services need to be provided for those ships.”*
 - (iii) Determine through risk assessment the level of pilotage service necessary to be maintained as required by Section 2(3) of the Pilotage Act, 1987 (as follows):

“Each competent harbour authority shall provide such pilotage services as it considers need to be provided as mentioned in subsection (1)(a) and (b) above.”
 - (iv) Maintain an appropriate pilotage service with properly trained and authorised pilots;
 - (v) Ensure that boarding and landing facilities for its pilots are provided on appropriately coded boats;
 - (vi) Administer the PEC system to ensure that all PEC applicants and holders abide by the requirements laid down in the Board's pilotage regulations.
3. The Board has made a Pilotage Direction for certain vessels and will keep this under review.
4. The Board will publish Pilotage Regulations for:
 - Boarding and landing arrangements;
 - Information to be provided to pilots;
 - Pilot Requests and ETA/ETD reporting;
 - Pilotage Exemption arrangements;
 - Pilotage Charges.
5. The Board has a Pilotage Training Programme for the qualification and training of Pilots and which is kept under review.