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Licensing and Registration

Excise Construction Requirements

complete the following requirements. You must complete the building process on your personal use. If this will be for your personal use, you are not required to register a

Building a Boat for Your Personal Use

Department of Natural Resources, Conservation and Recreation

Building a Boat You Are Planning to Sell

How Can You Get a License?

Please obtain copies of the completed forms and return them to the Excise Office in Ganges. Once you have submitted your application, you will receive a license number that will be included in the Excise Office's database.

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To find your local excise office, keep a copy on hand.

Who can qualify for a license?

Fees are paid in advance. Where is it payable? You must provide proof of ownership or registration of the

What a license number looks like?

Address restrictions in the building area

Manuals for compliance are available on our website.
What are the accepted forms of proof of competency?

- A completed regional boat safety certificate for rental periods
- A completed regional certificate of operation
- A registration number and serial number for your boat and motor
- A registration fee
- A completed regional safety course in Canada before 1999
- A current driver's licence

What is a vessel registration and how do you get it?

Vessel registration is a legal requirement to operate a vessel on federal waterways. It involves registering your vessel with the Canadian Coast Guard, which will assign you a registration number. You will need to provide identification and proof of ownership to register your vessel. The registration number is important for legal and operational purposes, ensuring that vessels can be identified and managed effectively.

Why should you register your boat?

- Legal compliance: It is mandatory to register your vessel to operate legally on federal waterways.
- Safety: Registered vessels receive priority in the event of an accident or emergency.
- Insurance: Most insurance companies require proof of registration before issuing policies.
- Identification: The registration number helps in identifying your vessel, especially in the case of theft or accident.

What does a vessel registration look like?

A vessel registration typically includes a registration number, the vessel's name, the owner's name, and the registration date. It is usually displayed on the vessel in a visible location, such as on a registration card or a placard affixed to the vessel.