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NORWEGIAN COASTAL ADMINISTRATION

## **NORWEGIAN COASTAL ADMINISTRATION – RATES OF FEE 2023**

### **INTRODUCTION**

This is an overview of the fee system and the regulations that apply in Norway. This document is not a complete or official translation of the regulations. The document also includes information on how to order annual fees. There are two types of fees: The pilotage service fees and the safety fees. The safety fees are attached to specific areas and vessel types. The planned income in 2023 for these fees amount to NOK 1,063 Million.

These rates of fee came into force from February 1<sup>st</sup> 2023. In addition, one other change applies; The discount in pilotage readiness fee for vessels with an ESI Score on 50 or higher, is reduced from 100 per cent to 50 per cent for vessels with a Gross Tonnage higher than 20,000 GT.

This document gives an overview of fees and rates. The document also contains examples on how Norwegian fees are calculated.

### **PILOTAGE SERVICE FEE**

The pilotage fee is charged under the provisions of Pilotage Readiness Fee and Pilotage Fee (Pilotage Service Fee) of 23 December 1994. The income from the pilotage fee will be utilized to run the pilot service in Norway.

### **PILOTAGE READINESS FEE**

Fees are calculated for all passage through waters subject to dues and for all passage with a state pilot on board. The exemption is vessels with a GT of 8,000 or lower, which are free of charge.

Upon entry and departure NOK 1.15 per GT is payable for the first 3,000 GT and NOK 0.95 per GT for additional Gross Tonnage.

Vessels may choose to pay the pilotage readiness fee as an annual fee, instead of paying for each trip. The annual fee will be invoiced quarterly on ¼ of the fee. The annual fee for 2023 (February-December) is:

For vessels up to 8,000 GT	NOK 0.-/ free of charge
For vessels from 8,001 GT to 10,000 GT	NOK 73.06 per GT
For vessels greater than 10,000 GT	NOK 88.88 per GT

### **Administration fee**

Vessels which fulfil the compulsory pilotage by using a Pilot Exemption Certificate (PEC) have to give information on which PEC the vessel will use on the voyage. The information must be made electronically via the Norwegian Coastal Administration's electronic internet service. The lack of mandatory information will result in a booking fee on NOK 1,500.-.

### **Environmental Ship Index (ESI)**

Vessels with an official ESI Score of 50 or higher will be admitted discount in the pilotage readiness fee. The discount is 100 per cent for vessels up to 20,000 GT and 50 per cent for vessels larger than 20,000 GT. Vessels register at [www.environmentalshipindex.org](http://www.environmentalshipindex.org) and the Norwegian Coastal Administration import the ESI Score continuously.

## PILOTAGE FEE

The pilotage fee is charged when the vessel uses a state pilot on board. The fee is payable at an hourly rate, but has a three hour minimum charge. The hourly rates are differentiated according to vessel size, and are as follows:

<b>Tonnage</b>	<b>Hourly rate</b>
From 0 to 1,000 GT	NOK 1,735.-
From 1,001 to 2,000 GT	NOK 2,180.-
From 2,001 to 4,000 GT	NOK 2,570.-
From 4,001 to 8,000 GT	NOK 2,950.-
From 8,001 to 12,000 GT	NOK 3,230.-
From 12,001 to 20,000 GT	NOK 3,590.-
From 20,001 to 30,000 GT	NOK 3,925.-
From 30,001 to 50,000 GT	NOK 4,205.-
From 50,001 to 100,000 GT	NOK 4,480.-
From 100,001 GT and more	NOK 4,770.-

### Ordering fee

In an attempt to reduce running expenses, the Norwegian Coastal Administration has introduced a fee linked to pilotage requests. This is connected to the transition from paper-based to electronic pilotage requests which requires accurate ETA at pilot boarding area or ETD from port. NCA can charge an ordering fee on NOK 1,500 when:

1. the request for pilotage is not carried out using the electronic service provided by the NCA within 24 hours prior to the commencement of a pilotage assignment, or
2. the confirmation of a pilotage assignment is done less than two hours prior to ETA at pilot boarding area or ETD from port, or
3. the request for pilotage is changed after the ETA at pilot boarding area or ETD from port has been confirmed by the vessel.

There can be more than one ordering fee per pilotage.

A pilotage assignment at Svalbard must be booked within 72 hours prior to ETA at pilot boarding area or ETD from port and confirmed at least 48 hours prior to the planned start. If a confirmed booking at Svalbard is cancelled, a cancellation fee of NOK 10,000 will apply.

## PILOTAGE EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE FEE

A test for Pilotage Exemption Certificate (P.E.C.) costs NOK 5,250. The test is both theoretical and practical. If the navigator does not pass the test, a new fee for a new test will apply. Emission, renewal or changes of the P.E.C. costs NOK 1,310.

## **SAFETY FEE**

There are five Vessel Traffic Service centres (VTS) in Norway. These are situated in Horten, Brevik, Kvitsøy, Fedje and Vardø. The income from the safety fee covers the operating costs for four of these VTS centres. The safety fee is charged in four VTS-areas. There is a safety fee for each VTS/area, and the fee is charged for each call to port. Vessels shorter than 70 meters are free of charge.

The safety fee is charged under the provisions of Safety fee for Kvitsøy VTS, Horten VTS, Fedje VTS and Brevik VTS of 27 December 2012. The regulations are covering the four different areas as follows:

### **Horten**

Vessels are required to pay a safety fee for use of the VTS in the Oslofjord, Horten. All vessels longer than 70 meters are charged with a safety fee of NOK 0.51 per GT. Vessels may choose to pay an annual fee of NOK 25.50 per GT. Vessels which have several ports of call, are charged with a safety fee on NOK 0.12 per GT for every instance the vessel docks, anchors or berths in the area subject to fees, without having sailed out of the area subject to fees.

### **Brevik**

Gas tankers are required to pay a safety fee for use of the VTS in the Grenland area. The safety fee is NOK 5.62 per cubic meter.

### **Kvitsøy**

Vessels are required to pay a safety fee for use of Kvitsøy VTS in Rogaland. Gas tankers calling at Equinor Kårstø are charged NOK 1.32 per GT per call, or NOK 66.00 per GT as an annual fee. Other vessels longer than 70 meters are charged with a safety fee of NOK 0.19 per GT per call, or NOK 9.50 per GT as an annual fee. Vessels which have several ports of call, are charged with a safety fee on NOK 0.05 for every instance the vessel docks, anchors or berths in the area subject to fees, without having sailed out of the area subject to fees (NOK 0.33 in connection with port of call to Equinor Kårstø).

### **Fedje**

Vessels call at Sture and Mongstad are required to pay a safety fee for use of Fedje VTS. Vessels carrying dangerous goods calling at Sture or Mongstad, are charged with a safety fee of NOK 0.84 per GT per call.

### **Environmental Ship Index (ESI)**

Vessels with an official ESI Score of 50 or higher will be admitted 25 per cent discount in the safety fee (new from March 1<sup>st</sup> 2022). Vessels register at [www.environmentalshipindex.org](http://www.environmentalshipindex.org) and the Norwegian Coastal Administration import the ESI Score continuously.

## ANNUAL FEES

Ordering of annual fees has to be done by the customers in the Ship Reporting System "Safe Sea Net". In Safe Sea Net, vessels can report voyages, order pilot and order annual fees. A user guide for the web client is available on the shiprep portal (click on "Help").

Address: [www.shiprep.no/](http://www.shiprep.no/)

When ordering annual fees, you need the following information:

1. Username and password to SafeSeaNet
2. Vessel name, call sign or IMO number
3. Which annual fees you need to order

(1) If you do not have a username and password to SafeSeaNet, please contact SafeSeaNet Norway Support on e-mail [support.ssn@kystverket.no](mailto:support.ssn@kystverket.no) or telephone +47 35 57 26 25.

(3) Foreign trading vessels normally need one annual fee. This is "*Annual Pilotage Readiness Fee 2023*". In addition, vessels that will have more than 50 calls to ports in the Oslofjord or Rogaland, are recommended to order "*Annual Safety Fee, Oslofjorden 2023*" and/or "*Annual Safety Fee, Rogaland 2023*" as well.

If you have questions about ordering annual fees, please contact:

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## EXAMPLES

### I. Annual fee for vessel of 9 855 GT.

Type of fee	Rate * basis of calculation	Fee (NOK)
Pilotage readiness fee (8,001-10,000 GT)	NOK 73.06 x 9 855 GT	NOK 720,006.30

Vessels that have more than 50 calls to port in the Oslofjord or in Rogaland are recommended to buy these safety fees as an annual fee. The break-even point for the pilotage readiness fee for a vessel with this tonnage is 37 calls to port.

In the case where this vessel has an ESI Score of 50 or higher in the Environmental Ship Index, it will achieve 100 per cent discount in the Pilotage readiness fee.

### II. Vessel of 13 489 GT, call to Stavanger with a State pilot on board.

Type of fee	Rate * basis of calculation	Fee (NOK)
Pilotage readiness fee (entry)	NOK 1.15 x 3 000 GT NOK 0.95 x 10 489 GT	NOK 13,414.55
Pilotage fee (state pilot on board)	NOK 3,590 x 3 hours (minimum)	NOK 10,770.00
Safety fee Rogaland, Kvitsøy	NOK 0.19 x 13 489 GT	NOK 2,562.91
<b>Total fee of entering Stavanger</b>		<b>NOK 26,747.46</b>
<b>Total fee of departure Stavanger</b>	No safety fee	<b>NOK 24,184.55</b>
<b>Total fee per call to Stavanger</b>		<b>NOK 50,932.01</b>

The total fee of departure will be NOK 24,184.55 (NOK 26,747.46 - safety fee NOK 2,562.91). The safety fee is charged per call. The total fee per call to Stavanger is NOK 50,932.01.

If the navigator of the vessel has a Pilot Exemption Certificate (P.E.C.) for the current area, the fee per call will be reduced to NOK 29,392.01.

In addition, if the vessel has an ESI Score of 50 or higher, the Pilotage readiness fee will be reduced with 100 per cent and the safety fee will be reduced with 25 per cent. The total fee per call will then only amount to NOK 1,922.18, which is equal to 75 per cent of the Safety fee.

III. Oil tanker of 128 396 GT, call to Mongstad with a State pilot on board.

Type of fee	Rate * basis of calculation	Fee (NOK)
Pilotage readiness fee (entry)	NOK 1.15 x 3 000 GT NOK 0.95 x 125 396 GT	NOK 122,576.20
Pilotage fee (state pilot on board)	NOK 4,770 x 4 hours	NOK 19,080.00
Safety fee Sture/Mongstad	NOK 0.84 x 128 396 GT	NOK 107,852.64
<b>Total fee of entering Mongstad</b>		<b>NOK 249,508.84</b>
<b>Total fee of departure Mongstad</b>	No safety fee	<b>NOK 141,656.20</b>
<b>Total fee per call to Mongstad</b>		<b>NOK 391,165.04</b>

The total fee of departure will be equal the entering fee except for the safety fee. The safety fee is charged per call. The total fee per call to Mongstad is NOK 391,165.04.

IV. Passenger (Cruise) vessel of 77 000 GT with a State pilot on board for around one week on cruise on the West Coast of Norway (Bergen and northwards).

Type of fee	Rate * basis of calculation	Fee (NOK)
Pilotage readiness fee (entry)	NOK 1.15 x 3 000 GT NOK 0.95 x 74 000 GT	NOK 73,750.00
Pilotage fee (entry to first port)	NOK 4,480 x 3 hours	NOK 13,440.00
Safety fee	No safety fee	-
Pilotage fee (fjords and ports)	NOK 4,480 x 75 hours (5x15hrs)	NOK 336,000.00
Pilotage readiness fee (departure)	NOK 1.15 x 3 000 GT NOK 0.95 x 74 000 GT	NOK 73,750.00
Pilotage fee (departure)	NOK 4,480 x 3 hours	NOK 13,440.00
<b>Total fee cruise one week</b>		<b>NOK 510,380.00</b>

The total fee for a one-week cruise is NOK 510,380.-. If the vessel calls at six ports during its cruise, the fee per port of call amounts to NOK 85,063.-. The numbers of hours with pilotage are stipulated to 15 per 24 hours for five 24-hours periods, but this number will vary. The minimum number of hours with pilotage is calculated for the first and last port.

If the vessel has an ESI Score of 50 or higher, the Pilotage readiness fee will be reduced with 50 per cent (vessel larger than 20,000 GT). The total fee for the one-week cruise will then be NOK 436,630 and the discount will amount to NOK 73,750.