

F. Approval of an application

The applicant shall be notified if the license application has been approved or not,

- i. If approved, the applicant will proceed with payment of the license fees and other applicable costs.
- ii. If not approved, the applicant will be informed of the the reasons.

G. Payment of fees and issuance of license

An applicant may opt to pay the fees and other charges through online bank transfer, QR Code and mobile.

Once the payment is done and confirmed by the Authority, a receipt shall be issued and a license will be processed and issued within seven (7) working days.

7. Responsibilities of license holder

A fishing license holder will be required to:

- i. Ensure that the vessel is in possession of its license or a certified copy prior to departure from port;
- ii. Do not tamper, deface, altered or destroyed a license;
- iii. A Master shall keep the license or a certified copy on board at all times and shall produce the license for inspection upon the request of an Authorized Officer or any other person authorized by the Director General; and

- iv. Observe any other requirements stipulated in the Deep Sea Fisheries Management and Development Act, Cap. 388 R.E. 2020 and its Regulation of 2021.



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PROCEDURES FOR APPLICATION OF FISHING LICENSE IN THE EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE OF TANZANIA

1. Introduction

Fishing activities in the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of the United Republic of Tanzania (URT) is governed by the Deep Sea Fisheries Management and Development Act, Cap. 388 of 2020 and its Regulations of 2021.

2. Types of fishing license

There are three categories of fishing licenses in URT EEZ.

- i. License for foreign fishing vessels;
- ii. License for local/domestic fishing vessels; and
- iii. Special purpose licenses for marine research, exploratory fishing, educational purposes etc.

3. Duration of fishing license

Fishing license issued shall be valid for:

- i. Three months;
- ii. Six months; or
- iii. Twelve months.

4. License fees

The fee for license is charged on the basis of:

- i. Fishing method;
- ii. Size of fishing vessel;
- iii. Duration of fishing operation and
- iv. Flag of the vessel.

5. Types of fishing gears of fishing license

At least six fishing gears allowed in the Tanzanian EEZ fisheries:

- i. Purse seine;

- ii. Long-line;
- iii. Pole line;
- iv. Trolling;
- v. Gill net and
- vi. Mid and surface trawl.

6. Application for license

An application for license should be submitted to:

Director General,
Deep Sea Fishing Authority,
P.O. Box 56,
FUMBA, ZANZIBAR.
Email: info@dsfa.go.tz

License applicants are advised to consult the checklist of documents, to be included as part of the application before submission.

The applicant should submit the application together with the following documents.

A. Application letter

- i. Duly filled license application Form No. 1;
- ii. Copy of the vessel Certificate of Registration;
- iii. Copy of ship Surveyor's Certificate;
- iv. Copy of Certificate of Seaworthiness;
- v. List of names of crew showing their citizenship;
- vi. Proof of insurance for a vessel and crew;
- vii. Colored photograph, A6 format, showing clearly Vessel sides - starboard, stern, astern and port side;
- viii. Two recent colored photograph, copy of

valid passport of the owner/operator or Chatterer as well as the Captain and

- ix. Operation fishing plan.

B. Proof of availability of an English speaker on board (for non Swahili speakers)

C. A foreign vessel should have local/legal representative or agent.

D. Review of documents

Review of an application to confirm if it meets all requirements listed in Step A above:-

- i. If all requirements are not met the license applicant will be contacted and if additional information is not received within a reasonable time the application will be kept in abeyance.
- ii. Once all the requirements are met, the application will be approved and the applicant will be notified for doing a pre inspection of the vessel.

E. Pre inspection

A team of Fisheries Inspector will conduct a pre inspection of the fishing vessel at either designated ports in Tanzania or outside the country. Thereafter, a report with recommendation(s) will be issued.

Pre inspection report with all supporting documents will be submitted to the Director General for review and final approval.