

French Pleasure Boat Licence Requirements

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Permit is required to fly a motorized pleasure boat when the power of the propulsion machinery is greater than 4.5 kilowatts (6 horses). It allows the use of VHF in French territorial waters.

Terms

- At least 16 years of age to enrol in a training centre.
- meet the medical fitness requirements.
- The training institution must have been accredited and the trainer must hold a teaching license issued by the administration.

A unique title: four possibilities:

Options

Seaside limited navigation 6 miles from a shelter ↓ MCQ + practical training	Inland waters limited boat length at 20 meters ↓ MCQ + practical training
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- Theoretical classroom training in the presence of the trainer is 5 hours minimum. This knowledge is verified during a multiple choice 30 questions that vary depending on the option chosen. Five errors are allowed.
- Practical training is common and can start before obtaining the theoretical part.
- From the beginning of the training, the candidate is given a booklet learning with a personal identification number.
- Practical skills are certified by the training centre after an individual apprenticeship of a minimum mandatory duration three thirty, including two hours at the bar. The valid trainer each of the achievements on the learning booklet.

The pleasure license

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Extensions

Offshore without distance limit ↓ Theoretical examination of 1 h 30	Great pleasure inland waters no limit of length ↓ 9 hours practical training
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Offshore extension

Candidates must pass a theoretical examination of 1h30 on the navigation, the tide,

meteorology and regulation.

Extension large pleasure inland waters

Be at least 18 years old to register for this training. Candidates must validate practical training of a mandatory minimum duration of 9 hours on a boat from to less than 20 meters in length.

Administrative simplifications

"Pleasure" tax stamps

As of June 1, 2017, the stamp duty for registration of the theory test sailing license (38 €) and the tax stamp for the pleasure craft license (70 €) can be purchased directly online or at the tobacconist.

This makes the process easier (including on smartphone), limits the risk of loss in the files and facilitates the formality of reimbursement, if necessary.

<https://timbres.impots.gouv.fr>

Pleasure license

For each department, a single contact:

- Coastal departments : in mainland France: departmental directorates of the territories and from the sea, sea and coastal delegations; Overseas: Sea Directions and Services maritime affairs.

- Non-coastal departments : the five training departments of Douai, Lyon, Nantes, Paris, Strasbourg and Toulouse.

Issued before 1 January 2008

Principle

- All sea and river licenses issued before the reform remain valid, without time limit or steps to take.

- The sea card is no longer issued since 1 January 2008.

- Coastal license holders can navigate up to 6 miles from a shelter.

- A license holders can sail up to 5 miles off shore or 6 miles a shelter.

- The C certificate is not issued since 1 January 2008.

- S certificate holders can now drive boats up to 20 meters in length.

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All the pleasures on the pleasure can be downloaded on the site www.mer.gouv.fr