

RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE CITY PERMITS FOR MACHINE BOAT IN GUWAHATI

State: Assam

Details of city permit procedures are as follows:

Machine Boat is regulated as per the directions of Inland Vessels Act 1917. As per the Inland Vessels Act 1917, inland Vessel means a mechanically propelled vessel which ordinarily plies on any inland water and the inland water means any canal, river, lake or other navigable water. So Machine boat is an inland vessel.

PERMIT PROCEDURE:

For plying a machine boat, two licenses are required one is ownership license to ply and another is engine Driver permit.

Owner Ship License:

For getting the ownership license, one has to apply for license in the Inland Water Transport Office Ulubari, Guwahati addressing to the Director of Inland Water Transport with two copies photo and Fees Rs.6/- and for getting engine permit one has to apply in the same way as ownership license and after that he has to go through training in the Crew training Centre office of Inland Water Transport if he is not trained and if he is trained already then he is examined. If he passes the exam he gets the permit. There is no readymade form. License is valid for one year. Permits can be obtained from the Director, IWT & Chief Ship Surveyor, and Assam after passing required examination conducted as per Act & prevailing rules in the Department. As per the provisions made under Inland Vessels Act, 1917, Section 21(I) Certificate of competency is issued to the engine Driver and Master.

Documents Required:

The following documents are needed for plying a mechanized boat:

1. Registration certificate of the boat
2. Survey/Fitness certificate issued by the Director, Inland Water Transport and Chief Ship Surveyor, Assam
3. Permit of the Engine Driver-
4. Permit of the Haliman. (Haliman is the controller of the Machine Boat. His job is like the captain of a ship.)

Department involved:

Department of Inland Water Transport, Govt. of Assam. Authority issuing permit is the Director, Inland Water Transport and Chief Ship Surveyor, Assam, Ulubari, Guwahati-781007.

Boat Registration:

For the registration of the boat, the applicant has to apply in prescribed format available in the office of the DIWT & CSS, Assam along with signature of the Magistrate and Treasury Challan of necessary prescribed fees for Survey and examination. It shall be accompanied by a copy of certificate of survey in force.

Processing Time:

Generally there is no fixed time but it depends upon the boat owner or applicant who has to submit required documents with a certificate of experience in operating boats.

Fees remittance:

Rs.90.00 (Registration fee Rs.20.00. survey fees Rs.60.00. Examination of Driver & Master fees Rs.10.00) by Treasury Challan in the head of Account 1056-IWT.

Renewal of permit:

Registration and the Survey certificates only normally has to be renewed after every 1(one) year. If delayed documents become invalid. The act also says that the certificate of survey shall not be in force after the survey thereof.

Suspension:

A certificate of survey shall not be in force after the notice of the government regarding the cancellation or suspension of it. The suspension must be in accordance of section 13 and 14 of the Inland Vehicles Act. If the ceasing of a certificate is in force, the same can be renewed only after a fresh survey to which the certificate relates.

Terms and Conditions:

Permit and documents have to be kept in owner's safe custody at all the time and should be produced if required by higher authority or any Ship Surveyor.

Procedure for regularizing machine-boats without permit:

There is no Enforcement Machinery of the Government of Assam to regularize non permit mechanized boats. The District Authority with the help of River Police Department only can regularize this matter

Penalty:

As per section 55(1) says that the contravention of section 3 of section 19 A of IV Act 1917 will result in the punishment of the owner and the Master of the vessel/boat and they shall be punishable with fine extendable up to Rs.1000 (one thousand Rupees), along with cancellation of license/permit, if any of the Master/pilot (Section 55(2)).

As per section 59(a), 59(b) any person acting as Master or Driver during a voyage without certificate of competency shall be punishable up to Rs.500.00/- (Rupees five hundred) only. (Act can be referred in Annexure)