



NSW Recreational Fishing Fee Exemption Certificate Application Form

Use this form to exempt your clients from having to individually pay the fee for recreational fishing. It is not compulsory to apply for an Exemption Certificate as it is ultimately your client's responsibility to pay the fee unless they are otherwise exempt. Incomplete applications may result in processing delays and/or refusal.

Submitting your completed form

By email (preferred): exemption.certificate@dpi.nsw.gov.au	By mail: NSW Department of Primary Industries LMB 3020 NOWRA NSW 2541
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For enquiries, please phone: (02) 4424 7404, or email: exemption.certificate@dpi.nsw.gov.au, or visit the [NSW DPIRD website](http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au).

Please allow processing time of up to 20 working days (four weeks) from receipt of your application. Credit card payment is preferred to facilitate prompt processing of applications.

Part A: Applicant's Details

Note: Section 341 of the *Fisheries Management Act 1994* requires issuance of an exemption certificate to a person (i.e., not a company or partnership). Please nominate a person on behalf of your business, if necessary, for the certificate to be issued to and provide all relevant details below.

Customer Identification Number	Registration Number (if held).		
Salutation	☐ Mr	☐ Ms	☐ Other (please specify)
Surname			
Given name/s			
Date of Birth			
Applicant's Contact Details			
Residential address:			
Postal address:			
Billing address:			
Email:			
Mobile:			
Work:			
Preferred Contact:	☐ Email	☐ Mobile	☐ Work
Trading as: (Company Name, if applicable)		ABN:	

Part B: What type of Exemption Certificate are you applying for? Select ONE option only					
Place a tick in the box to select the Certificate Type(s) and complete that relevant section in full, providing any additional details.					
☐ Land-based Fishing Guide	This section applies to land-based fishing guides only (Maximum of 10 persons exempt)				
	Eligibility:	Evidence of advertising material demonstrating guided fishing activity attached and/or membership of a professional guides association		☐	
	Australian Business Number (ABN) provided. The number Will be checked against the ABN Lookup (http://abr.business.gov.au/FaqAbnLookup.aspx).		☐		
☐ Licensed Marine Charter Fishing Boat(s) If required, attach a separate page to list additional licensed charter fishing boats.	This section applies to currently licensed marine charter fishing boats only.				
	Eligibility:	Number of Certificates Requested	Fishing Business (FB) Number	Number of Persons Exempt (cannot exceed your licensed fishing capacity)	Please tick if you are applying for the 50% Tweed River Concessional Exemption Certificate Only
		1			☐
		2			☐
☐ Freshwater Charter Fishing Boat(s) If required, attach a separate page to list additional charter fishing boats.	This section applies to unlicensed freshwater charter fishing boats.				
	Eligibility:	Australian Business Number (ABN) provided. The number Will be checked against the ABN Lookup (http://abr.business.gov.au/FaqAbnLookup.aspx).			☐
		Copy of each vessels valid NSW Maritime Authority certificate of survey in respect of each boat that is the subject of the application as listed below.			☐
		Number of Certificates Requested	NSW Maritime Identifying Number	Number of Exempt Persons	Please tick if you are applying for the 50% Tweed River Concession
		1			☐
		2			☐
☐ Private Land owner/Lessee as part of commercial tourism business	This section applies solely to those lessees or private land owners that have a large body of water such as an impoundment/dam on their land which they use as part of a commercial tourism business.				
	Are you applying for the 50% Tweed River Concessional Exemption Certificate Only?			☐ Yes ☐ No	
	Eligibility:	Australian Business Number (ABN) provided. The number Will be checked against the ABN Lookup (http://abr.business.gov.au/FaqAbnLookup.aspx).		☐	
		Proof of property ownership / lease		☐	
		Proof that of commercial tourism business advertising fishing type activity (e.g., flyer, website etc.)		☐	
☐ Not for Profit / Community Organisation	Note: Assessments are carried out on a case-by-case basis based on merit of application.				
	Eligibility:	Attach proof that organisation is not for profit / community organisation.		☐	
		Australian Business Number (ABN) provided. The number will be checked against the ABN Lookup (http://abr.business.gov.au/FaqAbnLookup.aspx).		☐	
		Letter on Organisational letterhead outlining: a) reasons for the Exemption Certificate i.e., how your organisation benefits the community b) reasons for fee waiver c) areas that are intended to be fished d) number of people to be included		☐	

☐ Hire Boats If required, attach a separate page to list additional hire boats.	This section applies solely to those applicants who wish to exempt hire boats, including self-drive or house boats.				
	Eligibility:	Evidence of a Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) identifying number <u>or</u> the Hire & Drive Licence Number in respect of each hire boat that is the subject of the application as listed below.			☐
		Number of Certificates Requested	NSW Maritime Identifying Number	Number of Exempt Persons	Please tick if you are applying for the 50% Tweed River Concessional Exemption Certificate Only
		1			☐
		2			☐
		3			☐
		4			☐
		5			☐
		6			☐
		7			☐
8			☐		

Part C: Fees

\$35 per person

\$140 for 4 people

\$350 for 10 or more people

Current fees are also outlined in Schedule 6 of the Fisheries Management (General) Regulation 2019. The Schedule of fees is available at: <https://legislation.nsw.gov.au/view/html/inforce/current/sl-2019-0407#sch.6>

Please note there is a minimum charge of \$140 (4 persons) and a maximum charge of \$350 (10 persons) per exemption certificate issued.

Are you applying for the 50% Tweed River Concessional Exemption Certificate Only?

Yes ☐

A 50% Tweed River concession is available for certificate holders that operate only in the tidal waters of the Tweed River and prescribed beach areas adjacent to the mouth of the river. **Note: Concessional exemption certificates are not valid in any other waters.** You are required to indicate whether your application is for the concessional exemption certificate.

NSW Recreational Fishing Fee Exemption Certificate Conditions

- Exemption Certificates do not authorise persons to operate boats without complying with NSW Maritime and AMSA requirements.
- Exemption Certificates are non-renewable. Once expired, holders may apply for a further term at their discretion.
- Recreational fishing fee exemption certificates are non-transferable.
- Exemption Certificates may be amended or cancelled during their period of validity. A fee for amendment may apply.
- Exemption Certificates must be carried by the Certificate Holder at all times during fishing activities or Exemption Notifications displayed in a prominent visible place for inspection as required by NSW DPIRD staff.

Part D: Declaration

I/We hereby apply for an exemption certificate under section 34I of the *Fisheries Management Act 1994*.

I/We have read and understand the "Exemption Certificate Conditions" specified on page four (4).

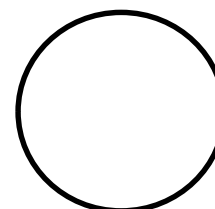
I/We understand that by requesting this application I/we agree to pay the associated fee(s). I/We understand that failure to pay the fee(s) will result in an incomplete application and Certificate(s) will not be issued until all payments are made.

I/We declare that the information provided on this form is, to the best of my/our knowledge, true and correct.

Applicant Name	Position in company (if applicable)	Signature	Date

For partnerships, all partners must sign. For companies, the person authorised to sign on behalf of the company must provide their full name, position in company (e.g., secretary, director) and place the company seal in or near the space provided.

Company seal



Privacy statement

Your privacy is protected under the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998. Visit the Department of Regional NSW Privacy statement for more information about how the Department manages your personal information (<https://www.regional.nsw.gov.au/privacy>).

Part E: Payment Details

PLEASE DON'T INCLUDE CREDIT CARD DETAILS. WE WILL CALL YOU FOR PAYMENT

Amount to be Charged	\$
Method of Payment:	☐ Credit Card (Please select type below) ☐ Cheque or Money Order (made payable to Department of Primary Industries)
Type of Card:	☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard Surcharges apply: 0.4% for Visa and MasterCard

Office use only			
Entered by		Applicant's WHF:	
INW Reference:			