

REGULATIONS FOR LICENSING MARINE PILOTS TO WORK IN JORDANIAN PORTS AND JORDANIAN TERRITORIAL WATERS

Issued by the Board of Directors of Jordan Maritime Authority, by virtue of paragraphs (D) and (W) of Article (5) of Jordan Maritime Authority Law No. (47) for the year 2002, the Standards of Training, Certification and Watch keeping for Seafarers and the Rules of Prevention of Collision at Sea.

Article 1:

These regulations shall be named (Regulations for Licensing Marine Pilots to work in Jordanian Ports and Territorial Waters for the year 2004) and shall come into force on the date of publication in the official Gazette).

Article 2:

The following words and terms wherever mentioned in these Regulations shall have the meanings assigned thereto hereunder unless the context expressly provides otherwise:

The Minister	The Minister of Transport/ Chairman of Jordan Maritime Authority Board of Directors.
The Director	The Director General of Jordan Maritime Authority
The Authority	Jordan Maritime Authority.
The Organization	The International Maritime Organization.
The Committee	The committee formed by virtue of Article (3) of these regulations.
The Marine Pilot	The marine officer licensed by the Authority to perform ships pilotage at Jordanian ports and territorial waters.
The License	The document issued by the Authority to the person, who has fulfilled the requirements of working as a marine pilot in accordance with these regulations.
The Coastal Navigation	The movements of the seaworthy ships within the territorial waters or Aqaba Port terminals and facilities.

Article 3:

The Minister shall form a committee called (The committee of licensing the marine pilots) headed by the Director and the membership of:

- 1- The Director of Ship Registration and Seafarers Affairs Department of Jordan Maritime authority.
- 2- An expert in towing and pilotage from the Ports Corporation to be nominated by the Minister.

Article 4:

Jordan Territorial waters are demarcated by the position zero at the Red Sea Northeast coast of Aqaba Gulf, where the marine borderline extends vertically on the longitude line, which crosses the zero point and extends toward the west for 2.84 Kilo Meters, where it meets the line dividing Aqaba Gulf into two halves, and from that point this line tracks the marine borderline, which divides the Gulf and extends toward the south at the last point, to be vertical on the borderline of the Saudi Arabia Kingdom, at the east coast, facing Durrah Border Center.

Article 5:

The Authority shall, through the Committee mentioned in Article (3) of these regulations, undertake the required testing to grant license to the pilots who perform pilotage operations for ships at Jordanian ports and within Jordanian Territorial Waters, and recommend to the Director to issue the License.

Article 6:

The conditions for granting the pilot License at Jordanian Ports are:

- 1- The licensee applicant must be of Jordanian Nationality or having a contract with the concerned authority to work as a pilot at the Jordanian Ports.
- 2- He must have acquired a Master's competency certificate and/ or 1ST Marine Officer certificate of competency with a five-year experience at high seas at least.
- 3- He must not be less than 30 years old.
- 4- He must not be convicted with any felony or misdemeanor offences that are immoral and unethical.
- 5- He must have completed the required training, as specified in Article (8) of these regulations.

Article 7:

The required documents for granting a marine pilot License are specified as follows:

- 1- An ID, issued by the Civil Status and Passport Department, in order to prove his Jordanian Nationality or a document, which proves that he works with parties who are licensed to practice pilotage services at the Jordanian Ports.
- 2- A valid certificate of competency as a Master at high seas, and/or 1st marine officer certificate of competency, endorsed by the Authority.
- 3- A valid health certificate, which proves his physical health fitness to work as a maritime pilot.
- 4- The mandatory safety certificates required for acquiring master certificate of competency, or 1st marine officer certificate of competency, including ship maneuvering training course.
- 5- A non-conviction certificate.
- 6- Competency of the English Language.

Article 8:

The training requirements for granting a marine pilot license are specified as follows:

- 1- Attending a training course for a period of not less than (3) months in marine tugboats maneuvering.
- 2- Attending a training course for a period of not less than (6) months in piloting operations, under the supervision of licensed pilots at Aqaba Port. This course has to be proved by an experience certificate endorsed by the concerned authorities.
- 3- Attending an academic refreshing course, not less than (20) hours in accordance with the training requirements of maritime pilots issued by the International Maritime Organization.
- 4- The Authority, shall keep a special record for each pilot, who has completed the required training programs, containing all information concerning the ships, the terminals and weather conditions, under which the apprentice pilot has executed piloting operations along with the notes of the trainer and any notes pertaining to the maneuvers that the trainee pilot has participated in to be presented to the Committee.
- 5- The training should be executed on all types of ships and terminals during all weather conditions and tugboats of various capacities, excluding the oil terminal and ships carrying highly dangerous cargo.

Article 9:

The procedures for testing the pilots upon fulfilling the training requirements stipulated in Article (8) of these regulations, are specified as follows:

- 1- Submission of a written application to the Authority for testing the new pilot.
- 2- The committee shall set a time to conduct the test which shall not exceed two weeks of the date of submitting the application.
- 3- Testing procedures shall be executed by using adequate number of Tugboats.
- 4- The test shall be executed several times until the Committee is assured that the pilot is capable and competent enough to perform piloting operations alone on various kinds of terminals.
- 5- Upon successfully passing the required test, a temporary pilot license shall be issued by the Director upon the committee's recommendation. This License shall be valid for three months, after which, the pilot shall be granted a License for two years to perform various kinds of ship piloting operations at the Jordanian Ports excluding piloting operations for oil tankers of a load capacity exceeding (100000) tons or ships carrying highly dangerous cargo.
- 6- No pilot shall not be allowed to perform piloting operations for oil tankers of a load capacity exceeding (100000) tons or ships which carry highly dangerous cargo unless He has completed not less than (5) years as a maritime pilot at Jordanian Ports.
- 7- The pilot who has spent not less than (5) years as a marine pilot at Jordanian Ports shall be granted an unrestricted pilot license signed by the Director upon the Committee's recommendation.

Article 10:

The Director shall have the right to withdraw, suspend or cancel the license of any Pilot if any of the conditions and requirements under these regulations are violated or if the Driver has committed a criminal act or caught intoxicated during duty hours or made a serious mistake resulting in an accident and loss of human life, a maritime pollution or impacted the safe navigation.

Article 11:

The pilots who have been working at Jordanian Ports, prior to issuing these regulations, shall be granted the license of maritime pilots at Jordanian

Ports without having undergone a training period or subject to a test, upon their presentation of the required documents mentioned in Article (7) of these regulations.

Article 12:

All previous Regulations on these matters shall be cancelled as of the date of publication of these regulations in the Official Gazette.