

# **REGULATIONS FOR THE LICENSE OF MARINE TUG BOAT MASTERS AT JORDANIAN PORTS AND TERRITORIAL WATERS**

Issued by the Board of Directors of Jordan Maritime Authority, by virtue of paragraph (K) of Article (9) of Jordan Maritime Authority Law No. (47) for the year 2002.

## **Article 1:**

These Regulations shall be named (Regulations for the License of Marine Tugboat Masters operating at the Jordanian Ports and Territorial Waters for the year 2004) and shall come into force on the date of their 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:

<b>The Minister</b>	The Minister of Transport
<b>The Director</b>	The Director General of Jordan Maritime Authority
<b>The Authority</b>	Jordan Maritime Authority
<b>The Organization</b>	The International Maritime Organization
<b>The Ship</b>	The navigable marine vessel
<b>Marine Tugboat</b>	The marine unit used for towing and pulling ships for berthing into and out of Jordanian Port terminals or for rescuing or assisting ships
<b>Tugboat Master</b>	The marine officer licensed by the Authority to drive the Tug boats at Jordanian Ports and territorial waters
<b>The license</b>	A document issued by the Authority to the Tug boat master who fulfils the requirements of acquiring the license to work as a Tug boat master at Jordanian ports and territorial waters
<b>The coastal navigation</b>	The movement of the navigable ships or Tug boats at Jordanian ports and territorial waters or their maneuvers at Aqaba port terminals

## **Article 3:**

The Minister shall form a committee called (The committee to follow-up the implementation of these regulations and issue of the official documents, concerning the Tugboat masters in The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan) headed by the Director General of Jordan Maritime Authority and with the membership of:

The Director of Ship Registration and Seafarers Affairs Department of Jordan Maritime Authority

Two experts in the field of Tugboats and pilotage to be selected from the public sector by the Minister from those who reside in Aqaba City if possible.

**Article 4:**

Jordanian 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, through the committee mentioned in Article (3) of these regulations, shall undertake the required testing for Tug boat master licensing and recommend the issuance of the official documents necessary for granting the license.

**Article 6:**

The conditions for granting the Tugboats master's license to drive Tugboats at Jordanian Ports and territorial waters are as follows:

- 1- The applicant must be of a Jordanian Nationality, or contracted with the competent authority to work as Tugboat master at Jordanian Ports.
- 2- He must acquire a certificate of competency as a second marine officer at least.
- 3- He must not be less than 25 years old.
- 4- He must not be convicted against a felony or misdemeanor offences that are immoral or unethical.
- 5- He must have completed the training requirements specified in Article (8) of these Regulations.

**Article 7:**

The required documents for the license applications are as follows:

- 1- A document proving his Jordanian Nationality or a document proving that he works with parties who are permitted to practice Tugboats operations at Jordanian Ports and territorial waters.
- 2- A valid second marine officer certificate of competency, certified by the Authority.

- 3- A valid health certificate, to prove his health fitness to practice the work as a Tug boat master.
- 4- The required mandatory safety certificate for acquiring the second marine officer certificate of competency.
- 5- A non-conviction certificate.
- 6- Mastering the English Language.

#### **Article 8:**

The training requirements for granting the Tug boat master driving license to new Tug boat masters are as follows:

- 1- Going through a 9-month training period in driving Tugboats and maneuvering operations of ships at the port of Aqaba under the supervision of licensed Tugboat masters. Such training has to be proved by an experience certificate endorsed by the concerned authorities.
- 2- The Authority shall keep a special record for each Tug boat master who has completed the required training recorded down in it all information pertaining to the ships, terminals and weather conditions through which the apprentice Tug boat master has performed his driving and towing of Tug boats, along with the notes of the Tug boat master and any notes regarding the maneuvers he has participated in, in order to be submitted to the Committee.
- 3- The Tug boat master shall be trained on all kinds of marine Tugboats with a propulsion power of not less than (500) Horsepower, and conducted at all Aqaba Port Terminals and during various weather conditions, excluding towing and berthing ships into and out of the oil terminal and ships carrying high dangerous materials .

#### **Article 9:**

The procedures for testing the Tug boat master are specified as follows:

- 1- Submitting a written application to the Authority for testing the new apprentice Tug boat master.
- 2- The Committee shall set a date for the test which should be within two weeks of the date of submitting the application.
- 3- The testing procedures shall be carried out by using an appropriate Tug boat .
- 4- The party who employs the apprentice Tug boat master shall provide the Tug boat needed for training and testing purposes.
- 5- The test shall be carried out several times to enable the Committee to be assured of the Tug boat master competence and ability to drive the Tug boat alone and properly maneuver to get ships into and out of various terminals.

#### **Article 10:**

- A- Upon passing the required test, the new Tug boat master, recruited since less than a year of the date of publication of these regulations and have met the

terms and conditions of acquiring the driving license for Tug boats, would be granted a driving license valid for one year to operate Tug boats with a power capacity not exceeding 200 Horsepower.

- B- The Tug boat master who has acquired the temporary driving license mentioned in paragraph (A) of this Article, and who has completed a period of one year after the date of obtaining the temporary license, shall be granted Tug boat driving license without any limitations to perform various piloting operations at Jordanian ports.

**Article 11:**

The Director is entitled to withdraw or freeze or cancel the license of any Tug boat master, in case he forfeits one of the terms of granting him the license as a Tug boat master or been caught intoxicated while on duty or has committed a huge mistake during performing his work leading to an accident that has caused human injuries, marine pollution or damage to the safety of navigation after conducting an investigation to the matter.

**Article 12:**

- A- Tug boat masters currently engaged in operations at Jordanian Ports who are not new, shall be granted a Tug boat master license upon submitting the documents mentioned in Article (7) of these regulations, without having to take the training course or the test provided for in these regulations.
- B- Tug boat masters, operating at the Jordanian ports, and on whom the rulings of paragraph (A) of this Article apply, shall adjust their status within (24) months from the date of publication of these regulations.

**Article 13:**

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