

Application: All ships above 500 GT and all commercially operated yachts above 500 GT operating internationally

Checklist No.02 for vessel registration (provisional and full registration) is available under the 'REGISTRATION' tab on our website.

Provisional registration conveys no entitlement to register a ship under The Shipping Act 1994.

There are different forms and information required depending on which type of registration is required.

Provisional registration is allowed by Barbados Flag to assist the shipowner and allow time to gather the documents that are necessary for full registration but in order to register a ship under the above Act, a full application must be made direct to the Registry.

The certificate of Provisional Registration is valid for six months from the date of issue which allows time for full registration to be achieved in normal circumstances. If registration under the above Act is not completed before the certificate expires, the ship in question is liable to cease to be recognized as Barbadian. Where separate arrangements have been made in advance of expiry, a fee of USD750 per month that the vessel remains on provisional registration will be charged to the shipowner. This charge is designed to ensure that the shipowner has made proper preparation, including any mortgage arrangements, for full registration in good time.

A ship once provisionally registered, cannot be provisionally registered again within one year of the issue date of the original certificate of provisional registration.

A Bareboat Part IV registration is not eligible for a provisional registration.

Covid-19

In accordance with guidance from IMO* certificates of provisional registration issued by Barbados Flag may be extended by up to three months during the Covid-19 pandemic.

* Circ. Letters no. 4204/Add.2 of 21 Feb. 2020 to Circ. Letter No. 4204/Add.4/Rev.1 of 28 May 2020