

The UK Register is divided into four parts:

Part I is for merchant ships and pleasure vessels.

Registration under this section is to be able to use the vessel as security for a marine mortgage.

Part II is for fishing vessels.

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Part III is for small ships.(Vessels less than 24 metres including pleasure vessels/yachts)
Registration is a simple process costing £25 and does not require proof of title.

Part IV is for bareboat charter ships

UK Registration

Eligibility

Eligibility to register a ship in the UK needs to be considered at the outset. For merchant ships,

pleasure vessels and bareboat charter ships applications (Part I and IV) may be made by:

- British citizens
- Citizens of an EU member state exercising their rights under articles 48 or 52 of the EU Treaty in the UK;
- British Dependant Territories citizens;
- British Overseas citizens
- Companies incorporated in one of the EEA countries;
- Companies incorporated in any British overseas possession which have their principal place of business in the UK or those possessions; and
- European Economic Interest Groupings.

Fishing vessels (Part II) allows applications by:

- British citizens;
- Citizens of an EU member state exercising their rights under articles 48 or 52 of the EU Treaty in the UK;
- Companies which are incorporated in one of the EEA countries and which have a place in business in the UK; and
- European Economic Interest Groupings.

When none of the qualified owners are resident in the UK, a representative person must be appointed who may be either:

- An individual resident in the UK, or
- A Company incorporated in one of the EEA countries with a place of business in the UK.

Small Ships Register (Part III) allows registration by:

- British citizens;
- Citizens of an EU member state exercising their rights under articles 48 or 52 of the EU Treaty in the UK;
- British Dependent Territories Citizens
- British Overseas Citizens
- Persons who under the British Nationality Act 1981 are British subjects
- Persons who under the Hong Kong (British Nationality) Order 1986 are British Nationals (overseas); and
- Commonwealth citizens not falling within those paragraphs

