A general licence permits a vessel on the Australian General Shipping Register unrestricted access to engage in coastal trading in Australian waters for five years. For more information relating to general licences, please visit the Frequently Asked Questions page.

Please note: This flowchart is representative only and does not replace the legislation. Please refer to the Coastal Trading (Revitalising Australian Shipping) Act 2012 (Coastal Trading Act) to confirm legislative requirements.

Section 13(1) of the Coastal Trading Act states that “a person may apply...for a general licence...if:
a) the vessel is registered in the Australian General Shipping Register; and
b) the person is:
   i. the owner, charterer, master or agent of the vessel; or
   ii. a person of a kind prescribed by the regulations”

Section 13(2) states that the application must be accompanied by:
a) “evidence that the vessel is registered in the Australian General Shipping Register;
b) a statement that each seafarer working on the vessel, when the vessel is used to engage in coastal trading:
   i. is or will be an Australian citizen; or
   ii. is or will hold a permanent visa; or
   iii. is or will hold a temporary visa that does not prohibit the seafarer from performing the work he or she performs on the vessel.”

General Licence

Application submitted to the Minister’s Delegate for consideration

Minister’s Delegate reviews the application

Application Refused

Applicant notified in writing of the decision and reason for decision

Details of the application are published on the Department’s website after each refusal

Application Granted

GL issued to applicant

Details of the licence are published on the Department’s website as each GL is granted

Applicant submits annual summary of voyages undertaken under the licence

The Department publishes aggregate summary of GL voyage reports at the end of each financial year

Aggregate voyage reports must be submitted within 30 business days of the end of the financial year

Legend

Process undertaken by the applicant

Process undertaken by the Shipping Business Unit (SBU)

General Licence Summary

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The Minister’s Delegate must consider GL applications within 10 business days of date received.