bays, sounds, and lakes other than the Great Lakes, for the purpose of administering the vessel inspection laws and applicable regulations in this chapter.

Subpart 2.10—Fees

SOURCE: CGD 91–030, 60 FR 13563, Mar. 13, 1995, unless otherwise noted.

§ 2.10–1 Applicability.

(a) This subpart establishes vessel inspection fees for all vessels required to have a Certificate of Inspection and vessel examination fees for all foreign vessels required to have a Certificate of Compliance.

(b) The fees in this subpart do not apply to:

(1) Vessels being inspected for the initial issuance of a Certificate of Inspection;

(2) Foreign passenger vessels;

(3) Training vessels operated by State maritime academies;

(4) Public vessels of the United States except for Maritime Administration vessels; and

(5) Publicly owned ferries.


§ 2.10–5 Exemptions.

(a) Vessels owned or operated by a non-profit organization may be exempted from payment of the fees required by this subpart, only if the vessel is used exclusively for one or more of the following:

(1) Training youth in boating, seamanship, or navigation skills;

(2) Educating youth in a course of marine environmental studies;

(3) Providing excursions for persons with disabilities as defined under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) (42 U.S.C. 12102(2)); or

(4) Providing medical services.

(b) Vessels owned or operated by the Federal government or the government of any State or political subdivision thereunder may be exempted from the fees required by this subpart provided the vessel is used exclusively for one or more of the purposes listed in paragraph (a) of this section.

(c) The term used exclusively in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section does not preclude:

(1) The carriage of adult volunteers or crew, or

(2) The vessel’s use for fundraising activities without regard to the age of the participants aboard the vessel, provided revenues raised are for the operation and maintenance of the vessel and that such fundraising activities do not exceed one day of fundraising for each month of the vessel’s operating season.

(d) Vessel owners or operators may submit a written request for exemption to the Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection, of the Marine Inspection Zone in which the vessel normally operates. The exemption request must provide the vessel name, the vessel identification number, and evidence that the organization and the vessel meet the criteria set forth in this section. The Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection will endorse and forward the request to Commandant (CG–DCO–83) for decision.


§ 2.10–10 Waivers.

The Commandant (CG–DCO–83) will waive collection of vessel inspection fees in this subpart for a Federally-owned or operated vessel if the fee would be directly paid by an agency acting as the vessel owner using Federal appropriated funds. By October 1 of each year, Federal agencies shall provide Commandant (CG–DCO–83) with a list of the names and vessel identification numbers of vessels for which a fee waiver is requested.


§ 2.10–20 General requirements.

(a) Unless otherwise specified, vessel owners must pay the fees required by this subpart before inspection or examination services are provided.

(b) Fees required by this subpart must be paid in U.S. currency by check or money order, drawn on a U.S. bank, and made payable to the U.S. Treasury.
Payment may also be made by credit card or wire transfer.

(c) All payments must be accompanied by the vessel name and its vessel identification number.

(d) Unless otherwise specified, fees required by this subpart must be mailed to the following addresses:

(1) For COI and COC Inspections:
   (i) For payment by credit card, U.S. Coast Guard Finance Center (OGR), 1430A Kristina Way, Chesapeake, VA 23326.
   (ii) For payment by check, payable to U.S. Treasury, with delivery by postal service, USCG Inspection Fees, P.O. Box 531030, Atlanta, GA 30353–1030.
   (iii) For payment by check, payable to U.S. Treasury, with delivery by overnight courier, USCG Vessel Inspection Fees, Bank of America, Lockbox Number 531030 (COI), 1075 Loop Road, Atlanta, GA 30337–6002.

(2) For Overseas Inspection Fees:
   (i) For payment by credit card, U.S. Coast Guard Finance Center (OGR), 1430A Kristina Way, Chesapeake, VA 23326.
   (ii) For payment by check, payable to U.S. Treasury, with delivery by postal service, USCG User Fees, P.O. Box 531769, Atlanta, GA 30353–1769.
   (iii) For payment by check, payable to U.S. Treasury, with delivery by overnight courier, USCG User Fees, Bank of America, Lockbox Number 531769 (USF), 1075 Loop Road, Atlanta, GA 30337–6002.

(e) For purposes of this subpart, the address for Commandant (CG–DCO–83) is: Commandant (CG–DCO–83), United States Coast Guard, 2100 2nd St. SW., Stop 7681, Washington, DC 20593–7681.

(f) Information concerning a vessel’s user fee anniversary date may be obtained from any Coast Guard Coast Guard Sector, Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection, or Marine Safety Detachment.

§ 2.10–25 Definitions.

The following definitions apply to this subpart:

**Drill ship MODU** means a mobile offshore drilling unit with a ship shape displacement hull intended for operation in the floating condition.

**Ferry** means a vessel that is used on a regular schedule—

(1) To provide transportation only between places that are not more than 300 miles apart; and

(2) To transport only—

(i) Passengers; or

(ii) Vehicles, or railroad cars, that are being used, or have been used, in transporting passengers or goods.

**Freight barge** means a non-self-propelled vessel carrying freight for hire.

**Freight ship** means a self-propelled freight vessel.

**Freight vessel** means a motor vessel of more than 15 gross tons that carries freight for hire, except an oceanographic research vessel or an offshore supply vessel.

**Industrial vessel** means a vessel which, by reason of its special outfit, purpose, design, or function engages in certain industrial ventures. For the purposes of this subpart, this classification includes such vessels as dredges, cable layers, derrick barges, and construction and wrecking barges, but does not include vessels which carry passengers or freight for hire, OSVs, oceanographic research vessels, or vessels engaged in the fisheries.

**Liquefied gas tankship** means a self-propelled vessel equipped with cargo tanks primarily designed to carry liquefied or compressed gases in bulk.

**Mobile offshore drilling unit (MODU)** means a vessel capable of engaging in drilling operations for the exploration or exploitation of subsea resources that is: seagoing and 300 or more gross tons and self-propelled by machinery; sea-going and 100 or more gross tons and non-self-propelled; or more than 65 feet in length and propelled by steam.

**Nautical school vessel** means a vessel operated by or in connection with a nautical school or an educational institution under section 13 of the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 1986, Public Law 99–640.

**Non-profit organization** means an organization under Internal Revenue Code (I.R.C.) section 501(c) which is exempt for the purposes of federal income taxation.