



# Rates and Charges

(including Conditions)

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**ABERDEEN HARBOUR BOARD**

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**NOTE**

1. In the event of payment being made in foreign currency, either by cash or cheque/draft, there will be a handling fee applied in addition to the charges listed.

## Rates and Charges 2026

2025 has seen a mixed year - the new South Harbour has continued to see growth in vessel traffic, particularly in the cruise and general cargo markets, and the facility is delivering what we all hoped would be a world class addition to the historic North Harbour

The North Harbour, however, has seen a significant downturn in Oil & Gas related traffic, both in terms of the number of vessels visiting the Port and the level of goods carried. This trend is expected to continue into 2026 as long as the current fiscal regime remains in place, despite low oil prices at the time of writing.

Even with this uncertainty the Port of Aberdeen will continue to invest to maintain the port's first-class facilities and work towards achievement of challenging net zero targets will continue to be important to the Port, combined with diversification into new markets. The Port remains determined to ensure that we continue to meet the high standards expected of us and to fully satisfy the requirements of our users.

Throughout the last 12 months the Port has continued to face significant inflationary pressures both in its day-to-day operational expenses and in the project costs entered into during the period and therefore will be increasing harbour dues by 3.8% across the board with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026, in line with the inflation rate at the time of writing.

The Port will invest capital in the coming year to renew quayside equipment and will continue the program of replacing plant and equipment with more environmentally friendly alternatives, while also making investments in the areas around the new facility to enhance the services currently on offer.

The Port would like to take this opportunity to thank all its customers for their continued support during this pivotal period in the harbour's extensive history.

**Jon Oakey**  
Chief Financial Officer

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# CHARGES FOR VESSELS

## COMMERCIAL VESSELS

I. VESSELS TO OR FROM PORTS IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.	£
For each period of 5 days or part thereof during which the vessel is in port	
(a) Tankers (importing and / or exporting cargo)	per gross tonne 0.63
(b) Other vessels	per gross tonne 1.015
II. VESSELS ENGAGED IN THE PROVISION OF SERVICES AND THE SUPPLY OF MATERIALS FOR OFFSHORE OIL OR OTHER SIMILAR OPERATIONS	
For each period of 5 days or part thereof during which the vessel is in port	
	per gross tonne 1.015
III. VESSELS TO OR FROM ANY OTHER PORT	
For each period of 5 days or part thereof during which the vessel is in port	
	per gross tonne 1.015
IV. CRUISE VESSELS	
For passenger vessels engaged on cruising and training vessels for each period of 5 days or part thereof	per gross tonne 0.485
V. TRAINING VESSELS	
For each period of 5 days or part thereof	per gross tonne 0.63
VI. VESSELS UNDER REPAIR IN DRY DOCK	
Charges shall not be levied in respect of any period during which a vessel is under repair in dry dock at the port	
VII. MISCELLANEOUS	
For all vessels not specifically mentioned in this schedule or being of an unusual nature, there shall be charged on each occasion of entering the port and for each period of 5 days or part thereof during which the vessel is in port the appropriate charge or such charge as may be deemed appropriate by the Board.	

## NOTES

- (a) The charges specified under Groups, I, II, III, IV, V, VI and VII shall be levied on the arrival of a vessel.
- (b) Charges under this schedule shall not be levied on tugs plying by the authority or licence of the Board while such tugs are employed only in towing vessels into or out of the port.
- (c) The above rates in Groups I to IV and VI are subject to a minimum charge of £31.69.
- (d) In case of dispute arising from interpretation of the above charges the Board's decision shall be final.

## **FISHING VESSELS**

For all registered fishing vessels engaged in commercial fishing full time berthed at quays, and which pay to the Board charges on fish landed, for each period of five days or part thereof during which the vessel is in port –

	£
Subject to a minimum charge of	per gross tonne 0.32
	31.69

A consolidated rate exists for fishing vessels engaged in full time commercial fishing that are viewed as being permanently berthed at Port of Aberdeen.

The following provisions for commercial vessels shall apply also to fishing vessels –

V Vessels under repair in Dry Dock  
VI Miscellaneous  
Notes (a), (e)

## **VESSELS OTHER THAN COMMERCIAL OR FISHING VESSELS**

	£
<b>A. PLEASURE CRAFT</b>	
For each period of 5 days or part thereof during which the vessel is in port	
(a) Under 50 gross tonnes (excluding V.A.T.)	46.50
(b) 50 gross tonnes or over (excluding V.A.T.)	per gross tonne 0.955
<b>B. EXHIBITION VESSELS</b>	
For each period of 5 days or part thereof during which the vessel is in port	per gross tonne 2.595
Minimum charge	608.21

# CHARGES FOR GOODS AND PASSENGERS

	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	CHARGE
1. FOODS, ETC.			£
Cereals, feeding stuffs (animals), fish feed and fruit and vegetables	per tonne	1.96	
Fish, white, direct from sea	per £ ad valorem	0.059	
Other fish direct from sea	per £ ad valorem	0.059	
Water - other than for vessel's own use	per tonne	0.47	
Other foodstuffs, beverages and fresh / frozen fish	per tonne	4.94	
2. BASIC MATERIALS			
Salt for roads, sand, stone and aggregate	per tonne	1.46	
Ores, barytes, bentonite, scrap, waste, minerals, wood and timber	per tonne	1.65	
Drill / mud cuttings	per tonne	1.96	
3. FUELS			
Petroleum products -			
Diesel and motor spirit	per tonne	3.56	
Gas, fuel oil and rig fuel	per tonne	3.82	
Kerosene, helifuel and other	per tonne	5.18	
Refuse derived fuel	per tonne	3.82	
HVO / Biofuel	per tonne	3.82	
4. MANUFACTURED GOODS			
Cement, textiles, calcium carbonate and other non-metallic manufactures	per tonne	3.22	
Chemicals, gas, base / drilling oils, muds, and brines	per tonne	3.51	
Iron, steel, tubulars and pipe products	per tonne	2.92	
Machinery, manufactures of metals, plant and oilwell equipment	per tonne	6.87	
Paper, paperboard and wood manufactures	per tonne	1.96	
Explosives	per tonne	14.69	
Vehicles -			
Commercial Vehicles, Trailers, SPV's and Coaches	each	26.50	
Private/Trade Cars and Caravans, Boat Trailers and Motorhomes	each	13.25	
Motor Cycles	each	3.99	
Other Miscellaneous Manufactured Goods	per tonne	7.33	
Project Equipment	per tonne	7.33	
Decommissioning Equipment	per tonne	8.07	
5. LIVE ANIMALS			
Sheep and Calves Cattle,	each	0.81	
Horses and Other	each	2.31	
6. PASSENGERS			
Adults	per person	2.45	
Children (under 16 years)	per person	1.225	

## 7. HEAVY LIFTS

Out of Gauge, and / or non-indivisible load item of 50 Tonnes Gross and over.

The following charge will apply in respect of the Goods Charge.

50 — 99 tonnes	per tonne	12.73
100 — 149 tonnes	per tonne	16.97
150 — 249 tonnes	per tonne	21.22
250 tonnes and over	per tonne	22.91

## **REGULATIONS**

All goods loaded or discharged at the port and not particularly specified in this schedule shall be liable to the charges applicable to such goods therein specified as in the determination of the Board shall be nearest in description and value to such unspecified goods.

If any goods for which charges have been paid on shipment shall from any accident or otherwise be unloaded charges shall not be levied a second time for such goods on being reshipped.

Where any goods have been shipped and the charges therefore paid and such goods are thereafter re-landed within the port by reason of the detention therein of the vessel by stress of weather and are not reshipped such charges shall be repaid by the Board.

There will be no charge for bunkers loaded on to vessels where these bunkers have been imported by sea direct into Aberdeen. In all other cases there will be a charge at the relevant petroleum products rate.

## **DEFINITION**

Ad Valorem – In the case of fish landed in the port the ad valorem charge shall be based on the price at which the fish is sold with the addition of the value of any subsidy or compensation payable to the sellers by the Government or the European Union in respect of the fish sold for other than human consumption.

## **DEFINITION**

Out of Gauge - Cargo item(s) being divisible (assembly many parts) or non-divisible (one piece) which exceeds any of the internal dimensions of an ISO 45 high cube (13.556m x 2.352m x 2.700m). Pipes are excluded.

Where a lift is "out of gauge" and is under 50 tonnes gross weight, the rate relevant to 50 - 99 tonnes will apply.

All heavy lifts of 50 tonnes and over and/or any out of gauge items should be identified on the Cargo Manifest provided to Port of Aberdeen with all dimensions and gross weights detailed.

## CHARGES FOR CRANES

£

(a) Operating on hook (Crane only, excluding operator) - per hour or part thereof..	180.50
(b) Operating with grabs (Crane only, excluding operator) - per hour or part thereof.....	239.00
The minimum hire period is 6 hours in respect of (a) to (f) inclusive	
(c) Cancellation charge when crane is ordered but not employed.....	392.00
(d) Operating on hook (short notice hire of less than eight lifts)	
Available on application to operations department – per hour or part thereof.....	180.50

### NOTES

1. All cranes are hired subject to the conditions laid down by the Board, details of which are as follows:

## CONDITIONS FOR THE HIRE OF HARBOUR CRANES

1. The form must be used for every application for the hire of a crane and must be lodged at the office of the Board. The form must be signed by principals only and must be complete in all respects. No application will be accepted which is conditional on the arrival of a vessel or on the availability of dock labour.
2. Applications will be dealt with as far as possible in the rotation in which the application forms are lodged. When the number of applications lodged exceeds the number of cranes available, the decision of the Harbour Master as to which applications shall have priority shall be final. The Harbour Master shall be entitled to alter allocations of cranes by withdrawal substitution or replacement by other cranes and the hirer shall comply with the directions of the Harbour Master in order to give effect to such alterations.
3. The hirers shall be liable to the Harbour Board for the rates of the hire of a crane and shall pay the same on demand. If required by the Finance Director, the hirer shall pay the rates prior to the commencement of the hire or, if in his opinion the exact amount of the rates cannot be ascertained in advance, the hirer shall make a deposit of such amount as may be fixed by the Finance Director.
4. The lodging of the application form does not entitle the hirer to the supply of a crane and Port of Aberdeen accepts no responsibility for the failure or the delay in the supply of a crane or the breakdown of the crane hired.
5. The hirer shall provide to the satisfaction of the Harbour Master all necessary tackle (including slings, chains, ropes and shackles, but excluding grabs) for attaching to the crane the articles to be lifted. The Harbour Master or Engineering Director shall have, at any time, the right to inspect the equipment and the test records of the equipment. The hirer shall also provide all labour for preparing, fixing and unfixing such tackle.
6. The hirer shall be responsible for appointing a responsible person to be in charge of all operations involving the crane. This responsibility includes ensuring that such operations are carried out in a safe and proper manner.
7. Port of Aberdeen shall be indemnified by the hirer against any claim by any person whomsoever for loss, injury or damage from any cause whatsoever and whether due to negligence or otherwise resulting from the use or operation of the plant hired, the actions of the cranemen or any other servant of the Board and shall satisfy the Harbour Master that he is adequately insured against such loss, injury or damage.

8. The hirer shall be responsible to Port of Aberdeen for any loss sustained by the Port arising from the destruction or loss of a crane or damage thereto during the period of the hire from any cause whatsoever including the negligence of any person for whom Port of Aberdeen is responsible. The hirer shall satisfy the Harbour Master that he is adequately insured in respect of his responsibility under this condition.
9. The hirer shall ensure that every article over one tonne in weight is marked with the correct weight in a manner clearly visible to the craneman.
10. The hirer shall conform to the Safety in Docks - Approved Code of Practice L148, a and to all other relevant statutory regulations.
11. The hirer shall ensure that only competent and trained dock workers are used in association with a port crane.
12. The hirer shall ensure that the berth is left clean and tidy after use and that all cargo, cargo handling gear and rubbish are removed to the satisfaction of the Harbour Master.
13. The hire is subject to the Bye-Laws of Port of Aberdeen.

## CHARGES FOR WEIGHBRIDGES

	Per Weigh
	£
Not exceeding 10 tonnes gross .....	6.20
Exceeding 10 tonnes but not exceeding 20 tonnes gross .....	10.29
Exceeding 20 tonnes gross .....	12.03
Bulk .....	0.33 per tonne

V.A.T. will be added to accounts for goods not imported or exported through the harbour.

The foregoing charges include the taring of vehicles etc., when required.

# CHARGES FOR ITEMS ON QUAYS AND IN YARDS

## ITEMS ON QUAYS

Charges for items on quays (Including Fabrication) will be subject to prices on application.

## CONTAINERS

Per

Deposit on quays of containers shipped through Port of Aberdeen	Container
	£
First 4 weeks .....	No charge
Thereafter per week or part thereof.....	19.08
Deposit on quays of containers not shipped through Port of Aberdeen per week or part thereof.....	19.08

VAT will be charged where appropriate.

## NOTES

1. Rates for short term exclusive use of the quayside for vessel and goods operational activities are available upon request.

## ITEMS IN YARDS

Prices on application.

These charges will apply regardless of the quantity of items in each area.

V.A.T. will be charged where appropriate.

PERSONS USING A QUAY OR YARD FOR THE STORAGE OF ITEMS DO SO AT THEIR OWN RISK AND PORT OF ABERDEEN WILL NOT BE HELD LIABLE FOR ANY DAMAGE OR LOSS WHICH MAY OCCUR.

## CHARGES FOR TRANSIT SHEDS

Storage rates on application.

Each period shall be calculated from the time the goods are placed in the shed.

Persons requiring a shed to be opened or kept open outwith normal working hours shall be charged the amount of the wages paid for such attendance, plus 25%.

V.A.T. will be charged where appropriate.

PERSONS USING A SHED FOR THE STORAGE OF GOODS DO SO AT THEIR OWN RISK AND PORT OF ABERDEEN WILL NOT BE HELD LIABLE FOR ANY DAMAGE OR LOSS WHICH MAY OCCUR.

## CHARGES FOR VEHICLES / TRAILERS

For parking of a vehicle or trailer on quays or operational areas per day or part thereof .....	£	48.87
V.A.T. will be charged where appropriate.		

### NOTES

1. All vehicles and trailers working within the operational areas of the port must have some form of company identification clearly displayed.
2. All authorised users must adhere to instructions given by Port of Aberdeen Operations staff.

PERSONS PARKING A VEHICLE OR TRAILER IN THE PORT DO SO AT THEIR OWN RISK AND PORT OF ABERDEEN WILL NOT BE HELD LIABLE FOR ANY DAMAGE OR LOSS WHICH MAY OCCUR.

## CHARGES FOR PILOTAGE

1. The Rates to be charged for pilotage (including boarding and landing), either inwards, outwards or within, shall be as follows:

### GROSS TONNAGE OF VESSEL

		£
	Under 1600.....	237.00
1600	" " 2000 .....	298.00
2000	" " 3000 .....	420.00
3000	" " 5000 .....	624.00
5000	" " 8000 .....	882.50
8000	" " 12,000 .....	1262.50
12,000	" " 16,000 .....	1564.00
16,000	" " 20,000 .....	1780.00
20,000	" " 30,000 .....	2072.50
30,000	" " 40,000 .....	2365.50
40,000	" " 50,000 .....	2660.00
50,000	" " 60,000 .....	2953.00
60,000	" " 70,000 .....	3245.50
70,000	" " 80,000 .....	3539.00
80,000	" " 90,000 .....	3832.00
90,000	" " 100,000 .....	4126.50
100,000	and over .....	4418.50

Pilotage will be charged at the rate of 15% of full pilotage on vessel movements to and from the port where the vessel is 75 metres and over (L.O.A) and the Master is in possession of a pilotage exemption certificate.

2. Where a Pilot is required to attend or take charge of a vessel for any other purpose, or is detained on board, there shall be charged per hour.....100.50
3. Where a Pilot Cutter and/or other PoA craft is hired for a purpose other than the boarding and landing of a Pilot, within the limits of the Pilotage District.....358.50 per hour or part thereof

# ONE OPS PORT SERVICES

## ABERDEEN SOUTH HARBOUR RATES

### CHARGES FOR MOORING SERVICES

During core hours - Monday to Friday 08:00 to 17:00 hours	£
Per man per hour or part thereof subject to 2 hour minimum.....	68.14
Outwith core hours	
Per man per hour or part thereof subject to 2 hour minimum.....	102.23

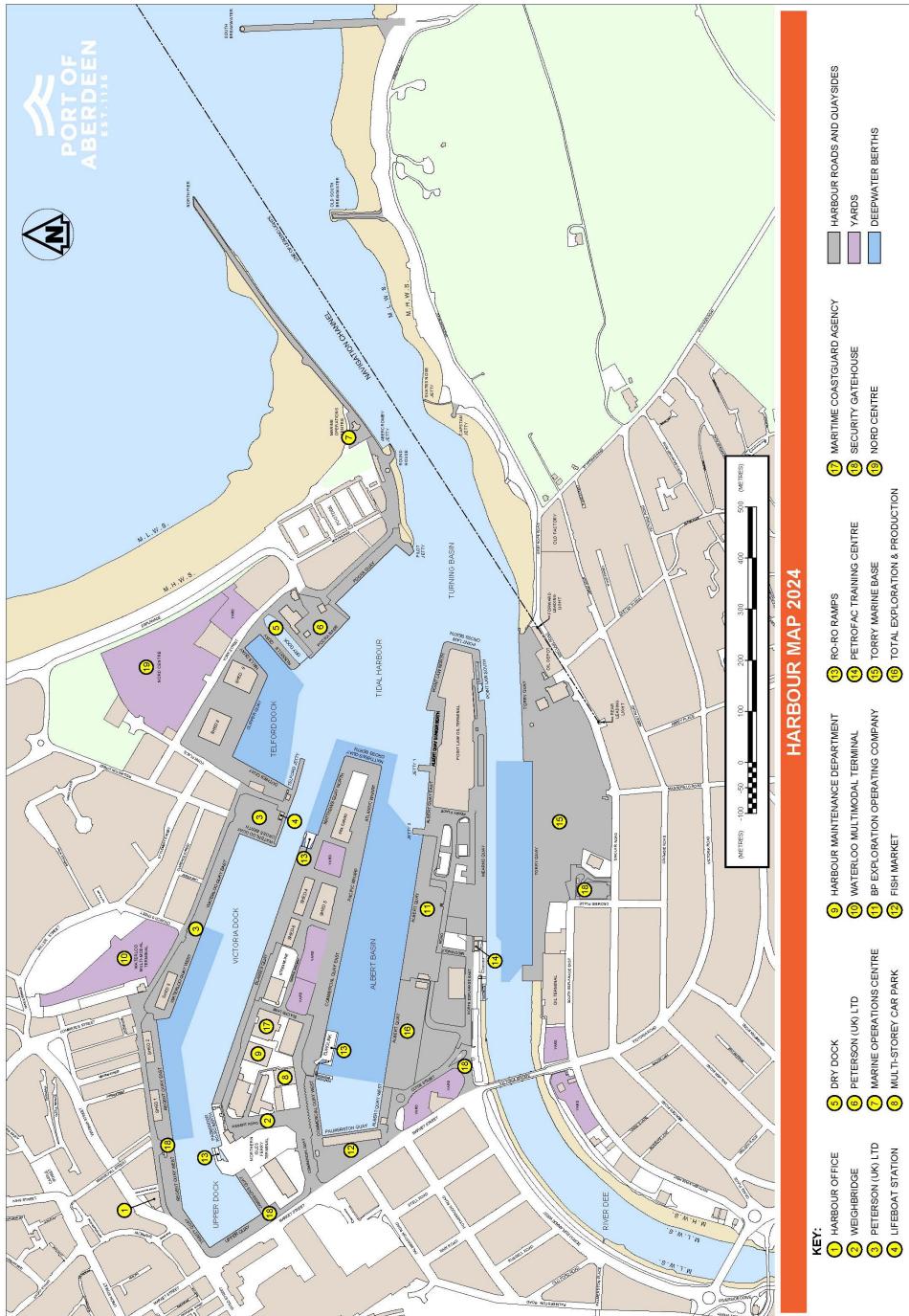
### CHARGES FOR FENDER HIRE

1.5m x 3.0m Yokohama Fender	£
Per unit per 24 hour period or part thereof inclusive of mob/demob.....	146.37
2.0m x 3.5m Yokohama Fender	
Per unit per 24 hour period thereof inclusive of mob/demob.....	184.89

### CHARGES FOR WATER PROVISION

Per m3 supplied.....	£
	3.84
Connection fee (per connection) .....	94.46

**Towage Services are provided by Targe Towing Limited,  
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