

Marine Fare Eligibility

Although marine fares are strictly controlled by carriers, the eligibility for use is generally the same.

Below is the general rule for the Industry.

- 1) Seamen travelling on duty to/from vessel and who are in possession of a valid seaman's book.**
- 2) Staff employed to work on a vessel, but not a registered seaman but who are added to the manifest.**
- 3) A wife/husband of a seaman travelling to/from vessel and who has been added to the ship's manifest.**
- 4) Engineers, Contractors, Surveyors and Superintendents travelling to/from vessel to carry out work on a vessel whether in dock or at sea.**
- 5) Persons engaged in repositioning of semi-submersibles or drilling rigs under their own power.**

It is also a requirement by most airlines that the passenger carries a letter from the shipping company or employer and Company headed paper, stating the following:

- **Passenger Name**
- **Destination.**
- **Purpose of travel.**
- **Name of vessel**
- **Port of Registry.**

This does not need to be a complicated letter, the simpler the better really, some form of words to use may be:

“Our employee (NAME OF PASSENGER) is travelling to (Destination) to undertake work on the MV (Name of Vessel) registered in (Port of Registry) and is entitled to use marine fare tickets”

Recommendation and waiver

We strongly recommend that a letter is always carried regardless of airline being used and also where possible a Seaman's book. Airlines do occasionally audit passengers at check-in for the misuse of marine fares.