



Queries and Responses

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1.	Can you provide more detail on term "Partnership"? Also what proof is required of this partnership.	Two or more persons are required to form a partnership and the parties concerned must be named on the ownership/lease documentation. A copy of the legal agreement documents must be included with the application. An application from a partnership must be submitted in the name of one selected person, who must be one of the named partners. Section 4(a) page 6/7 refers.
2.	Can two family member's apply as a "Partnership" where the boat is owned by one family member, Please note these family member's will be named skippers on the application.	No. Two family members can <u>only</u> apply as a partnership, where they jointly own or lease a boat. Paragraph No 1 page 4 of the competition document refers.
3(a).	There are two of us intending to submit an application as a partnership. One of us owns the boat but we wish to be equal partners regardless of this. (a). Do we need to register a legal partnership with the companies registrations office?	Two individuals <u>only</u> can apply as a partnership, where they jointly own or lease a boat. See Paragraph No 1 page 4. Also response to Q2 above. (a) No, but you must submit a binding legal agreement that reflects your position.
3(b).	(b). Is it the partnership that is the applicant or is each individual a co-applicant?	(b) The partnership is the applicant, and applications from partnerships must be submitted in the name of one selected person, who must be one of the named partners.
3(c).	(c). Do we need to draw up a lease between the partner that owns the boat and the partnership itself?	(c) See response to questions 2 and 3(A) above.

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4.	<p>(a) If I am using an alternate skipper who I think is an alternate skipper on another person's application is this an issue?</p> <p>(b) Would having the same alternate skipper as another applicant hinder my application? That is, could the same alternate skipper be used in multiple applications? And is it possible that many successful applications could all have the same alternate skipper?</p> <p>(c) Could a main skipper on one application be the alternative skipper on another application?</p> <p>Could an applicant on one application be the alternative skipper on another application?</p> <p>Is there an age cut off for skippers, a maximum age or a minimum age? Does someone's age come into the points calculations?</p>	<p>(a) Yes, you will be required to ensure the alternate skipper you nominate commits to a suitable working arrangement.</p> <p>(b) Yes. See response to 4(a) above.</p> <p>No.</p> <p>No.</p> <p>No.</p> <p>No.</p> <p>No. The skippers qualifications and experience will be the key requirements in the assessment process.</p>
5.	<p>With regard to the competition for Skellig landing licence 2017, how long will the new licence be valid or is it a year or is it 3 years.</p>	<p>The permit is potentially valid for two years commencing from 2017. However, a 12 months period of probation, commencing immediately, will apply. Award of the permit for the 2018 season will depend on performance during 2017 and your continuing compliance with the terms and conditions of the award. (Page 30)</p>
6.	<p>My alternative skipper has a skipper's ticket for landing at the Skelligs, however his current ticket issued by the ISA requires the first aid to be refreshed every five years, his first aid cert expired in late 2016. He plans to attend a first aid course in Castletownbere (BIM) on February 9th but this will not give enough time for the paperwork to be processed by the ISA and issue a new ticket in time for your February 10th competition deadline.</p>	<p>You are specifically requested to list all relevant legally-required certificates (page 27/28 refers). In addition, enclose a copy of your first and most recent Certificate awarded along with other relevant Certificates.</p> <p>A copy of Certificates required for this competition, awarded after 10 February 2017, should be submitted immediately on receipt or on request. Page 11 of document refers.</p>
7.	<p>If an applicant has an agreement to purchase a suitable boat subject to getting a licence, will this be accepted by the OPW.</p>	<p>In the first instance, a copy of the relevant agreement should be submitted along with your application for assessment. Applicants will be afforded every reasonable opportunity to submit all supporting documentation before a final determination is made. Refer to page 11 of the competition document.</p>

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8.	<p>(1) Can an individual who is applying for a permit be named as the first alternate skipper on another boat or application?</p> <p>(2) In the case of a partnership, does the boat have to be jointly owned?</p> <p>(3) If the permit is given to a partnership, will both persons names be on the permit?</p> <p>(4) Can one individual submit a number of different applications and still obviously only be granted one permit, if any??</p> <p>(5) When will the successful applicants be notified?</p> <p>(6) It says in the competition letter to provide photos indicating proposed provision for seating or other passenger comforts - Will a vessel that is making provisions for passenger seating/Shelter be granted the same points as a vessel that already has these seats/shelter in the boat? If so, when is the deadline for completion of these proposed provisions?</p>	<p>(1) No.</p> <p>(2) Yes, the boat must be jointly owned or leased.</p> <p>(3) If an application from a partnership is successful, the permit will be issued in the name of the partnership. However, the application must be submitted in the name of a selected person, who must be one of the named partners.</p> <p>(4) No</p> <p>(5) It is hoped the successful candidates will be notified well in advance of the 2017 season commencing.</p> <p>(6) No.</p>
9.	<p>(1) Does an individual that has landing experience at Skellig Michael 25 years ago (and has not landed there since) receive the same points as a person who is currently landing at Skellig Michael and has been doing so continuously for the past 5-10years?</p> <p>(2). What constitutes proof of landing experience claimed by applicants?</p>	<p>(1) All relevant experience including his/her years ferrying passengers to Skellig Michael along with his/her qualifications will be considered. The assessment team will consider all relevant information submitted, and will make a determination based on the supporting evidence provided.</p> <p>(2) An applicants must be able to provide evidence that he/she skippered a boat permitted to land passengers on the Skellig Michael pier during a specified visitor season.</p>

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10.	Does a partnership have to be in a company name or can two individuals join as partners and apply in both names for the permit?	A partnership does not have to be in a company name. Two or more individuals may form a partnership and the parties concerned must be named on the ownership/lease documentation. A copy of the legal agreement documents must be included with the application. An application from a partnership must be submitted in the name of one selected person, who must be one of the named partners.
11.	Does a boat with purpose built seating, made of fibreglass frame, teak seats and back meet the seating requirements specified.	Yes, fixed/ <u>secure</u> purpose built seating of the nature described meets the requirements.
12.	<p>I would like to seek clarification from you on what is meant by Sheltered Seating.</p> <p>Do you consider the seating outside the cabin/ wheelhouse which is protected by properly a properly secured canopy as sheltered seating?</p>	Sheltered seating may be described as fixed/ <u>secure</u> seating (appendix 6 refers), in an area of the boat outside the cabin wheelhouse, that is properly protected from the elements by a fixed/ <u>secure</u> canopy which will give a measure of bad weather protection to passengers.
13.	<p>Is the competition extension open to everyone and if it is open to everyone, can I email further questions for clarification?</p> <p>Is the competition now for 13 permits instead of 11 given following the outcome of the recent court case?</p>	<p>The competition is open to suitable qualifying individuals/partnerships who may wish to apply. The Terms and Conditions for the 2017 Permit competition have not changed.</p> <p>Any further queries will be responded to by 12.00 noon, Friday 24 March '17</p> <p>The number of permits now available for allocation is 13.</p>