
NOTICE TO INDUSTRY

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SUBJECT: Pilotage Act Amendment

On June 9, 2021 the Pilotage Act was amended by publication of Order in Council (OIC) 4 in the Canada Gazette, Part II (<https://canadagazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p2/2021/2021-06-09/pdf/g2-15512.pdf#page=107>). This amendment is in force. This OIC was the final step in the modernization of the *Pilotage Act*. It transferred the following powers from the Pilotage Authorities to the Minister of Transport:

- Regulation-making powers; and
- Authority to issue and suspend pilotage licences and pilotage certificates.

As a result, all pilotage certificates (new issues and renewals) will be now issued by Transport Canada. However, initial applications for pilotage certificates shall continue to be submitted to the APA. The APA will review applications as the regulations require on behalf of the Minister, as well as conduct examinations. The APA is working closely with Transport Canada to update processes as more information on process requirements becomes available from Transport Canada.

All current pilotage certificates issued by the APA remain valid and in force for a maximum period of one year. During the initial one-year validity period, Transport Canada will facilitate a one for-one exchange of valid Pilotage Authority issued pilotage certificates and replace with Transport Canada issued pilotage certificates.

We will continue to work with stakeholders to facilitate pilotage certificates for qualified applicants and appreciate your patience during this transitional time. If there are any questions or concerns with the contents of this notice, please contact the Operations Department of the APA at operations@atlanticpilotage.com.