



# HARBOURS (AMENDMENT) ACT 1992

Act 30 of 1992

## AN ACT TO AMEND THE HARBOURS ACT

I assent,  
TAUFA'AHAU TUPOU IV,  
17th November 1992

[9th November, 1992]

**BE IT ENACTED** by the King and legislative Assembly of Tonga in the Legislature of the Kingdom as follows:

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  - (1) This Act may be cited as the Harbours (Amendment) Act 1992.
  - (2) The Harbours Act, Chapter 137, as amended, is in this Act referred to as the Principal Act.
2. The schedule to the Principal Act is hereby repealed and replaced by the following schedule:

### “SCHEDULE

### EXEMPTIONS

1. Vessels under contract with the Government of Tonga.

2. Vessels put back in distress.

These exemptions do not apply to OTHER CHARGES, WHARF CLEANING or TELEPHONE HIRE.

### **HARBOUR, LIGHT AND PILOTAGE DUTIES**

All amounts payable shall be calculated on the Gross Registered Tonnage (GRT) of each vessel. Harbour dues and light dues will be charged, where applicable inwards only per call or in the case of a vessel being laid up in Tonga. Harbour and light dues will be payable every 3 months at full rates.

Pilotage dues shall be charged separately for inward journeys and separately for outward journeys and shall be payable whether or not a pilot is used. The minimum charge will be \$50 and the maximum charge will be \$500 for the inward journey, and the same minimum and maximum charges will be levied and paid separately for the outward journey.

### **CRUISE SHIPS**

Vessels which arrive in Tonga in the course of a scheduled cruise and which may only embark or disembark passengers and their luggage.

Harbour Dues     \$0.05 per GRT

Light Dues         \$0.025 per GRT

Pilotage             \$0.055 per GRT

(GRT means gross registered tonnage)

### **CARGO/PASSENGER SHIPS (FOREIGN GOING)**

Vessels arriving in Tonga to unload and/or load cargo, and/or discharge and/or embark passengers.

Harbour Dues     \$0.06 per GRT

Light Dues         \$0.03 per GRT

Pilotage             \$0.055 per GRT

### **COASTING VESSELS (LOCAL) AND YACHTS**

Including local registered vessels laid up or otherwise and vessels holding current coasting licences (not being a temporary coasting licence) and yachts.

Harbour Dues     \$2.75 per GRT per calendar year or \$0.30 per GRT per month.

Light Dues            \$1.75 per GRT per calendar year or \$0.20 per GRT per month.

### **OTHER SHIPS**

In respect, of other vessels half of the total dues required of cargo/passenger vessels shall be payable.

### **SECOND AND SUBSEQUENT PORT OF CALL**

Vessels calling at a second and subsequent port in Tonga in the course of the same voyage, half the dues otherwise payable shall be payable.

### **MOORING AND UNMOORING**

For each operation of mooring or unmooring when the service is rendered the following charges will apply:

	Normal Working Time	Outside Normal Working Time
Vessels not exceeding 1000 GRT	\$30	\$50
Vessels exceeding 1000 GRT but not exceeding 15,000 GRT	\$90	\$110
Vessels exceeding 15,000 GRT	\$110	\$140

### **REMOVAL CHARGES**

Pilotage removal charge of \$100 will apply only if a pilot is used. This charge will cover both outward to anchor and return.

Mooring and unmooring. A rate of 25% of the normal mooring and unmooring rates will apply to vessels required to move to anchor.

### **PILOT DETENTION CHARGES**

A charge of \$50.00 per hour but not exceeding \$500 per day will apply for time spent by the pilot waiting for a vessel at any time of day or night.

### **OTHER CHARGES**

Fresh water:

Foreign going vessels including yachts, \$3 per 1000 litres or part thereof  
Coasting vessels (local) is to be charged with the current Water Board rate plus labourer's wages.

### **WHARF CLEANING**

Cruise vessels	\$15 per call
Cargo & Tender vessels not discharging cement	\$25 per call
Cargo vessels discharging cement	\$100 per call
Coasting vessels not exceeding 100 GRT or \$200 per calendar year.	\$3 per call.
Coasting vessels exceeding 1.00 GRT or \$300 per calendar year.	\$8 per call

### TELEPHONE HIRE

Vessels and/or agent to apply direct to Tonga Telecommunications Commission.

### MOORING IN AND USE OF FAUA HARBOUR

The following charges will apply, to all vessels moored in or using Fuaa Harbour per three (3) months period or part thereof.

Vessels not exceeding 5 metres length	\$6
Vessels exceeding 5 metres in length but not exceeding 8 metres in length	\$12
Vessels exceeding 8 metres in length but not exceeding 12 metres in length	\$24
Vessels exceeding 12 metres in length but not exceeding 15 metres in length	\$36
Vessels exceeding 15 metres in length.	\$45

### MOORING IN AND USE OF NAFANUA HARBOUR

The following charges will apply to all vessels moored in or using Nafanua Harbour per three (3) months period or part thereof.

Vessels not exceeding 5 metres length	\$5
Vessels exceeding 5 metres in length but not exceeding 8 metres in length	\$10
Vessels exceeding 8 metres in length but not exceeding 12 metres in length	\$20
Vessels exceeding 12 metres in length but not exceeding 15 metres in length	\$30
Vessels exceeding 15 metres in length	\$40"

Passed in the Legislative Assembly this 9th day of November, 1992.