

Maritime Safety Queensland

Buoy Mooring Authority Conditions

If you have been issued a buoy mooring authority, there are several rules you need to remember for your safety and the safety of other waterway users.

Keeping these rules in mind will also mean you are likely to be able to keep your mooring at its yearly renewal. If you ignore these rules, you may put yourself and others in danger, and risk having your buoy mooring authority cancelled.

Please read the rules below and ask us if you have any questions. These are the same rules you have on your buoy mooring authority.

Restricted Buoy Mooring Authorities:

1. You must comply with all relevant laws.
2. You must be the registered owner of the Ship or be able to provide proof of ownership.
3. If a new Authority, you must establish the buoy mooring in the approved location within 30 days of the date of issue of the Authority.
4. You must place your buoy mooring at the approved location specified in your Authority.
5. If the buoy mooring moves for any reason, including by natural occurrences, you must have it repositioned to the approved location as soon as practicable back.
6. If you decide to replace any part of your mooring, tackle or apparatus, you must remove the replaced part from Queensland waters.
7. You must only establish the type of mooring apparatus detailed on your Authority.
 - (a) If a 'swing mooring' is approved, the total swing radius of the approved Ship, moored to the approved buoy mooring, must not exceed the length in your Authority.
8. When you establish your buoy mooring you must tell your Area Manager the following within 14 days of the buoy mooring establishment, in writing:
 - (a) The date the buoy mooring was established
 - (b) The precise location of the buoy mooring
 - (c) The type and size of the mooring apparatus.
9. You must maintain the buoy mooring in a safe and serviceable condition at all times.
10. Your buoy mooring must be able to hold the approved Ship at the approved location in all environmental conditions.
11. Your surface buoy must:
 - (a) be yellow
 - (b) be between 250mm and 800mm in its greatest dimension
 - (c) be of a robust construction (preferably foam filled)

- (d) be able to remain on the water's surface or be in a visible position from the water at all times
 - (e) permanently and legibly display the buoy mooring number on the surface buoy with characters a minimum of 50mm high
12. You must not moor, or allow to moor, any ship to the approved buoy mooring except the approved Ship detailed on your Authority.
 13. Whilst moored to the approved buoy mooring, the approved Ship must display an all-round white light between the hours of sunset and sunrise, which remains visible to the naked eye from a minimum distance of two (2) nautical miles.
 14. The approved Ship must be moored to the buoy mooring at all times (unless in operation or at another location for repair/maintenance), and for at least 60% of the term of the Authority (219 days of the year).
 15. Your buoy mooring must not be unoccupied by the approved Ship for a period of greater than 90 continuous days without prior written notification to the relevant Area Manager.
 16. You must advise the relevant Maritime Safety Queensland office in writing of any change to your address or contact details.

Further information

For further information contact your local Maritime Safety Queensland office:

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