

Marine Fare Eligibility

The use of Marine fares is strictly controlled by the individual airlines but the eligibility for their use is generally the same and is as follows:

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

It is also a requirement of many airlines that the passenger carries a letter from the shipping company or employer, on 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 form of words to use might 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 fares'

Recommendation and Waiver

Airlines and their representative handling agents do occasionally audit passengers at check-in for the misuse of marine fares. Therefore, whatever the airline's requirements, we would strongly recommend that such a letter is always carried, even if the passenger is in possession of a Seaman's book. It is the responsibility of our customers to ensure that their employees carry the correct documentation and Horncastle Executive Travel cannot be held responsible for any consequences, including any financial penalties that may result from the failure to comply with these requirements.