Ports and Harbour Fees By-Law No. 2 of 2023

Malampa Provincial Government Council

The Malampa Provincial Government Council has established the **Ports and Harbour Fees By-Law No. 2 of 2023** under the Decentralization Act [CAP 230]. The By-Law provides for the collection of **port dues, harbour fees and other charges** from overseas vessels, yachts and pleasure craft entering designated ports and harbours within Malampa Province.

Designated Ports and Harbours

For the purpose of this By-Law, **all ports and harbours located within Malekula, Ambrym and Paama** are designated ports and harbours under the authority of the Malampa Provincial Government Council.

Port Dues for Overseas Vessels

An overseas vessel, other than a yacht, entering a designated port is required to pay a **Port Due** to the Council.

- **Port Due: VT 2 per gross registered ton**

The amount payable is calculated according to the vessel's gross registered tonnage.

Harbour Fees for Overseas Vessels

An overseas vessel, other than a yacht, entering a designated harbour is required to pay a **Harbour Fee**.

- **Harbour Fee: VT 1 per gross registered ton**

Fees for Yachts and Pleasure Craft

Yachts and pleasure craft arriving from overseas and entering a port or harbour within Malampa Province are required to pay:

Length of Stay	Fee
Stay of up to 30 days	**VT 700**
Stay exceeding 30 days	**VT 700 + VT 1 for each additional day**

Payment Requirements

The **owner, shipping company or shipping agent** responsible for a yacht, vessel or craft must ensure that all applicable port dues, harbour fees and other charges are paid to the Malampa Provincial Government Council or an authorised Council officer.

Key payment requirements include:

- Fees must be paid **within one month from the date of the invoice**;
- All applicable fees must be paid **before the departure** of the yacht, vessel or craft;
- Where authorised, the **Director of Ports** may collect the fees on behalf of the Council until the Council is able to collect them directly;
- The Director of Ports must issue an official **receipt** as evidence of payment; and
- All port dues and harbour fees collected on behalf of the Council must be transferred to the Council as soon as practicable.

Penalty for Late or Non-Payment

Where port dues, harbour fees or other applicable charges are not paid within the prescribed period, the amount payable may be **calculated at double the applicable rate**.

The Council may also recover unpaid fees as a **civil debt**.

Offence and Fine

A person who fails to pay the required port dues, harbour fees or other fees commits an offence and, upon conviction, may be liable to a **fine of up to VT 50,000**.

Commencement

The **Ports and Harbour Fees By-Law No. 2 of 2023** commences on the day it is published in the **Vanuatu Gazette**.

For further information regarding port dues, harbour fees, yacht and vessel charges, please contact the Malampa Provincial Government Council.