

RTA:	The Roads and Transport Authority.
Agency:	The Marine Agency at the RTA.
Competent Department:	The Registration and Licensing Department of the Agency.
Personal Watercraft:	Any motorised or steam-driven watercraft capable of floating on and skimming over the surface of water, and intended for personal use.

Article (3)

No natural or legal person may use a Personal Watercraft or conduct Personal Watercraft rental business without first obtaining a licence from the RTA. A Personal Watercraft may only be used within the maritime zones specified by the RTA. Nevertheless, Personal Watercraft licensed by the competent authorities in any emirate of the UAE may also be used within the maritime zones specified by the RTA.

Article (4)

A Personal Watercraft driver must:

1. if under fourteen (14) years of age, be accompanied by a guardian or qualified instructor;
2. be mentally and physically fit to drive the Personal Watercraft;
3. be fully acquainted with the Personal Watercraft operating and driving rules;
4. wear the special outfit for driving Personal Watercraft, including a life jacket; and
5. comply with the safety conditions and requirements stipulated in the implementing bylaw of this Regulation.

For the purposes of this Article, Personal Watercraft rental offices will verify that individuals renting Personal Watercraft meet the above conditions.

Article (5)

Personal Watercraft licensed pursuant to this Regulation will be registered with the Agency.

Article (6)

An applicant for a licence for a Personal Watercraft will fully insure the Personal Watercraft against accidents and civil liability with an insurance company licenced in the Emirate.

Article (7)

The licence for individual use of Personal Watercraft will be valid for two (2) years and the licence for companies and rental offices to conduct the Personal Watercraft rental business will be valid for one (1) year. A licence will be renewed for the same period subject to the same conditions and requirements, provided that an application for renewal is submitted to the Competent Department within thirty (30) days from the date of expiry of the licence.

Article (8)

The licence holder will notify the Competent Department before assigning or disposing of the licence by any means.

Article (9)

The Competent Department will issue temporary permits for Personal Watercraft taking part in Personal Watercraft races in accordance with the procedures specified by the implementing bylaw of this Regulation.

Article (10)

The requirements and provisions stipulated in the implementing bylaw of this Regulation will specify the maritime zones within which it is permitted to use and rent Personal Watercraft and the conditions to be satisfied in the zones designated for these activities.

Article (11)

The RTA will, in consideration of the services it provides, collect the fees stipulated in Schedule (1) attached to this Regulation.

Article (12)

1. Without prejudice to any stricter penalty stipulated in any other legislation, a person who violates the provisions of this Regulation or its implementing bylaw will be subject to the penalties stipulated in Schedules (2) and (3) attached to this Regulation. Fines prescribed

for committing a violation for a third time will be doubled if the same violation is committed for a fourth or subsequent times within one (1) year.

2. The RTA may, in coordination with the competent local departments and authorities, take one or more of the following measures against the violator:
 - a. suspend the commercial licence temporarily or permanently; and/or
 - b. close down the rental office.

Article (13)

1. The Agency will be authorised to set the conditions and instructions required to control, inspect, and search Personal Watercraft rental offices and sites and the Personal Watercraft of these offices to verify compliance with the conditions and specifications stipulated in this Regulation and its implementing bylaw.
2. Employees of the Agency will have the capacity of law enforcement officers to record the acts and violations committed in breach of the provisions of this Regulation and its implementing bylaw. For this purpose, they may issue the necessary violation reports and fines and seek the assistance of police and coastguard personnel.

Article (14)

The fees and fines stipulated in this Regulation will be paid to the RTA.

Article (15)

An owner of a Personal Watercraft rental office may file grievance regarding the penalty imposed on his office within two (2) weeks from the date of serving the penalty notice on the owner. The grievance will be made by submitting a grievance petition to the committee formed by the Agency for this purpose. The committee will determine the grievance within fifteen (15) days from the date of its submission.

Article (16)

Owners of Personal Watercraft to whom this Regulation applies will adjust their status to conform to the provisions of this Regulation no later than two (2) months from the date on which it comes into force.

Article (17)

The Chairman of the Board of Directors and the Executive Director of the RTA will issue the implementing bylaw of this Regulation which will set the conditions, requirements and specifications for licensing and registering Personal Watercraft, and other issues stipulated in this Regulation.

Article (18)

Local order No. (4) of 1998 Concerning Control of Use and Rental of Personal Watercraft in the Emirate of Dubai will be repealed, and any provision in any other legislation will also be repealed to the extent that it contradicts the provisions of this Regulation.

Article (19)

This Regulation will be published in the Official Gazette and will come into force on the day on which it is published.

Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum

Crown Prince of Dubai

Chairman of the Executive Council

Issued in Dubai on 17 June 2008

Corresponding to 13 Jumada al-Thaniyah 1429 A.H.

Schedule (1)
Fees

SN	Description	Fees in Dirhams
1	New licence/ renewal of the licence of a Personal Watercraft rental office	5,000
2	New licence/ renewal of the licence of a Personal Watercraft owned by an individual	500
3	New licence/ renewal of the licence of a Personal Watercraft owned by a rental office.	3,000
4	New licence/ renewal of the licence of an instructor working with a rental office	1,000
5	Technical testing of a Personal Watercraft	200
6	Technical testing of a racing Personal Watercraft	500

Schedule (2)
Violations and Fines Related to Users of Personal Watercraft

SN	Violation	First Occurrence	Second Occurrence	Third Occurrence
1	Driving a Personal Watercraft without licence	AED 500 + Seizure of Personal Watercraft for two (2) weeks	AED 1,000 + Seizure of Personal Watercraft for one (1) month	AED 1,500 + Seizure of Personal Watercraft till the registration card is issued
2	Failure to wear the life jacket	AED 200	AED 400	AED 600
3	Failure to abide by the zones specified for driving Personal Watercraft	AED 500	AED 1,000	AED 1,500 + Seizure of Personal Watercraft for one (1) month.
4	Unsafe, reckless, or careless driving	AED 500	AED 1,000	AED 1,500
5	Driving a Personal Watercraft with a registration card expired for more than one (1) month	AED 200	AED 400 + Seizure of Personal Watercraft for two (2) weeks	AED 600 + Seizure of Personal Watercraft until registration card is renewed
6	Exceeding the passenger capacity of the Personal Watercraft	AED 500	AED 1,000 + Seizure of Personal Watercraft for one (1) week	AED 1,500 + Seizure of Personal Watercraft for two (2) weeks
7	Driving the Personal Watercraft by a person under the legal age or without an adult companion	AED 200	AED 400 + Seizure of Personal Watercraft for one (1) week	AED 600 + Seizure of Personal Watercraft for two (2) weeks
8	Failure to abide by the timings specified for driving Personal Watercraft	AED 500	AED 1,000 + Seizure of Personal Watercraft for one (1) week	AED 1,500 + Seizure of Personal Watercraft for one (1) week

SN	Violation	First Occurrence	Second Occurrence	Third Occurrence
9	Use of the Personal Watercraft for purposes other than those for which it is intended	AED 300	AED 600 + Seizure of Personal Watercraft for one (1) week	AED 900 + Seizure of Personal Watercraft for two (2) weeks
10	Emission of black smoke from the Personal Watercraft exhaust	AED 300	AED 600 + Seizure of Personal Watercraft for one (1) week	AED 900 + Seizure of Personal Watercraft for two (2) weeks
11	Driving the Personal Watercraft under the influence of alcohol, narcotics, or similar substances	AED 500 + Seizure of Personal Watercraft for one week	AED 1,000 + Seizure of Personal Watercraft for two (2) weeks	AED 1,500 + Seizure of Personal Watercraft for one (1) month

Schedule No. (3)

Violations and Fines Related to Personal Watercraft Rental Offices

SN	Violation	First Occurrence	Second Occurrence	Third Occurrence
1	Conducting Personal Watercraft rental business without licence	AED 2,000	AED 4,000	AED 6,000
2	Failure to register/ renew the licence of a Personal Watercraft for more than one (1) month after its expiry	AED 300 + Seizure of Personal Watercraft for one (1) week	AED 600 + Seizure of Personal Watercraft for two (2) weeks	AED 900 + Seizure of Personal Watercraft until registration card is issued
3	Failure to renew the licence of an instructor	AED 200	AED 400	AED 600
4	Failure to maintain in the rental office the signboards and maps for areas designated for the Personal Watercraft rental business	AED 200	AED 400	AED 600
5	Renting a Personal Watercraft to a person under the legal age	AED 500	AED 1,000	AED 1,500
6	Non-compliance with the sites designated for Personal Watercraft rental business	AED 2,000 + Suspension of the business in the unlicensed site	AED 4,000 + Seizure of Personal Watercraft for one (1) week	AED 6,000 + Seizure of Personal Watercraft for two (2) weeks
7	Failure to maintain books and legal records of Personal Watercraft, and names and personal data of instructors and customers	AED 1,000 + Submission of the documents within one week	AED 2,000 + Submission of documents within one (1) week	AED 3,000 + Submission of documents within one (1) week

8	Personal Watercraft number plate is not affixed or numbers effaced	AED 100 + Seizure of Personal Watercraft until the number plate is affixed	AED 200 + Seizure of Personal Watercraft until the number plate is affixed	AED 300 + Seizure of Personal Watercraft until the number plate is affixed
9	Allowing persons to drive Personal Watercraft without wearing life jackets, or unavailability of life jackets in the rental site	AED 500	AED 1,000 + Seizure of Personal Watercraft for one (1) week	AED 1,500 + Seizure of Personal Watercraft for two (2) weeks
10	Failure to stop reckless Personal Watercraft drivers immediately	AED 500	AED 1,000 + Seizure of Personal Watercraft for one (1) week	AED 1,500 + Seizure of Personal Watercraft for two (2) weeks
11	Exceeding the Personal Watercraft passenger capacity	AED 500	AED 1,000 + Seizure of Personal Watercraft for one (1) week	AED 1,500 + Seizure of Personal Watercraft for two (2) weeks
12	Performing maintenance or repair of Personal Watercraft in the rental sites	AED 500	AED 1,000 + Seizure of Personal Watercraft for one (1) week	AED 1,500 + Seizure of Personal Watercraft for two (2) weeks
13	Use of Personal Watercraft for purposes other than those for which it is intended	AED 500	AED 1,000 + Seizure of Personal Watercraft for two (2) weeks	AED 1,500 + Seizure of Personal Watercraft for two (2) weeks
14	Emission of black smoke from the Personal Watercraft exhaust	AED 500 + Suspension of the Personal Watercraft licence	AED 1,000 + Suspension of the Personal Watercraft	AED 1,500 + Suspension of the Personal Watercraft

		for one (1) week	licence for one (1) week	licence for one (1) week
15	Allowing a person to drive a Personal Watercraft under the influence of alcohol or narcotics	AED 1,000 fine for the company + Prohibiting the person from driving Personal Watercraft	AED 2,000 fine for the company + Prohibiting the person from driving Personal Watercraft	AED 3,000 fine for the company + Prohibiting the person from driving Personal Watercraft