

# 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.

### Unrestricted Buoy Mooring Authorities:

1. You must comply with all relevant laws.
2. If a new Authority, the buoy mooring must be established in the approved location within 30 days of the date of issue of the Authority.
3. The buoy mooring must only be established at the approved location specified in this Authority.
4. If the buoy mooring moves for any reason, including by natural occurrences, it must be repositioned as soon as practicable back to the approved location.
5. If you decide to replace any part of your mooring, tackle or apparatus, the replaced part must be removed from Queensland waters.
6. You must only establish the type of mooring apparatus detailed on page 1 of your Authority.
  - (a) If a 'swing mooring' is approved, the total swing radius of the Ship, moored to the approved buoy mooring, must not exceed the length in your Authority
7. When you establish your buoy mooring, you must tell your Area Manager 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.
8. You must maintain the buoy mooring in a safe and serviceable condition at all times.
9. Your buoy mooring must be adequate to hold the Ship at the approved location in all environmental conditions.
10. Your surface buoy must:
  - (a) be pink or orange
  - (b) be between 250mm and 800mm in its greatest dimension
  - (c) be of 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

11. The Authority Holder must not allow any Ship to moor to the mooring unless the Ship is associated with the approved maritime business or community-based activity.
12. Whilst moored to the approved buoy mooring, the 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.
13. You must write to your Maritime Safety Queensland office if you change your address or contact details.
14. You are permitted to use the buoy mooring only for the purposes outlined in your Authority.
15. A fee you charge to a third party for use of the buoy mooring must only reflect the actual and reasonable cost you incurred in the establishment, renewal and servicing of the buoy mooring.
  - (a) Any fee you charge, under this section, must be disclosed in writing to the relevant Maritime Safety Queensland office.

## Further information

For further information contact your local Maritime Safety Queensland office:

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