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B. The following Notices are published by order of the Commissioner's Representative:

None

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None for publication

B. The Commissioner's Representative has made the following appointments:

None for publication

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2. Ordinance No.4 of 2026: Visitors and Visiting Vessels Ordinance 2018 (Amendment) Ordinance 2026

3. Ordinance No.5 of 2026: Immigration Ordinance 2006 (Amendment) (No.2) Ordinance 2026

B. The following Proclamations, Directions, Orders and other statutory instruments have been enacted:

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None

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None

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THE BRITISH INDIAN OCEAN TERRITORY

THE IMMIGRATION ORDINANCE 2006 (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 2026

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THE BRITISH INDIAN OCEAN TERRITORY
THE IMMIGRATION ORDINANCE 2006
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15th October 2026

[signed on original]

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Nishi Dholakia
Commissioner
British Indian Ocean Territory

THE IMMIGRATION ORDINANCE 2022 (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 2026

Ordinance No. 3 of 2026

An Ordinance to amend the Immigration Ordinance 2006 to enable the Administrator instead of the Commissioner to issue permits for group visits; enable the Commissioner to determine appeals and issue regulations; and for connected purposes.

Citation and commencement.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Immigration Ordinance 2006 (Amendment) Ordinance 2026 and shall come into force forthwith.

Definition.

2. The “Principal Ordinance” means the Immigration Ordinance 2006.

Amendment of section 2 of the Principal Ordinance.

3. Section 2 of the Principal Ordinance is amended by replacing the word “Commissioner”, wherever it appears in the section, with the word “Administrator”.

Addition of new section 3 to the Principal Ordinance.

4. The Principal Ordinance is amended by adding a new section 3 that reads –

“Appeal to the Commissioner.

3. A person aggrieved by any decision of the Administrator or Principal Immigration Officer may appeal to the Commissioner, whose decision shall be final and conclusive.”

Addition of new section 4 to the Principal Ordinance.

5. The Principal Ordinance is amended by adding a new section 4 that reads –

“Regulations.

4. (1) The Commissioner may make such regulations as the Commissioner considers necessary for the purposes of this Ordinance.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (1), regulations made by the Commissioner may provide for or determine –

- (a) any forms to be used for the purposes of this Ordinance;
- (b) the procedures to be adopted in applying for an authorised visit;

- (c) the conditions subject to which authorised visits are to be, or may be, conducted.”



THE BRITISH INDIAN OCEAN TERRITORY

**THE VISITORS AND VISITING VESSELS
ORDINANCE 2018 (AMENDMENT)
ORDINANCE 2026**

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HM Commissioner
British Indian Ocean Territory

THE BRITISH INDIAN OCEAN TERRITORY
THE VISITORS AND VISITING VESSELS ORDINANCE 2018
(AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 2026

Ordinance No. 4 of 2026

An Ordinance to amend the Visitors and Visiting Vessels Ordinance 2018 to adjust the way in which mooring permits are issued, introduce a system whereby different charges will apply relating to the length of the vessel concerned, amend the fixed penalty scheme, and for connected purposes.

Citation and commencement.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Visitors and Visiting Vessels Ordinance 2018 (Amendment) Ordinance 2026 and shall come into force forthwith.

Definition.

2. The “Principal Ordinance” means the Visitors and Visiting Vessels Ordinance 2018.

Amendment of section 2 of the Principal Ordinance.

3. Section 2 of the Principal Ordinance is amended by inserting the following definition in the correct alphabetical order –

““Environment Officer” means a person appointed to act as an Environment Officer within the Administration of the Territory;”

Amendment of section 4 of the Principal Ordinance.

4. Section 4 of the Principal Ordinance is amended by –

(a) adding the words “by the Administrator” in subsection (1) between “has been issued” and “under the provisions”;

(b) amending subsection (3)(b) to read –

“(b) This subsection shall not apply to –

(i) any vessel authorised to deliver or collect supplies, goods, or material to or from Diego Garcia;

(ii) any vessel exercising the right of innocent passage through the territorial sea.”;

(c) amending subsection (4) to read –

“(4) A permit issued under this Ordinance shall only be valid for the period stated in the permit and for the vessel and persons named therein.”, and

(d) deleting the words “Despite subsections (1) and (4)” in subsection (5) and replacing them with –

“Despite subsection (1),”.

Amendment of section 5 of the Principal Ordinance.

5. Section 5 of the Principal Ordinance is amended by deleting the section and replacing it with the following –

“Conditions attaching to all moorings.

5. (1) No person shall without the written consent of the Administrator –

(a) remain on land in the outer islands between the hours of sunset and sunrise;

(b) erect in the outer islands an encampment, structure or installation of a permanent or semi-permanent nature;

(c) engage in any of the following activities or undertakings in the outer islands –

(i) any form of hunting; any collection or killing of any wildlife including molluscs and live or dead coral;

(ii) any undertaking connected with forestry or agriculture;

(iii) any cutting or other destruction or collection of any vegetation;

(iv) any excavations, levelling of the ground or construction; any work involving the alteration of the configuration of the soil or the character of the vegetation;

(v) any act, of whatever kind, which pollutes any source of water or watercourse or sea area; or

(vi) any act, of whatever kind, likely to harm or disturb the fauna or flora of the outer islands;

(d) introduce into, or allow to enter or land in the Territory or the territorial sea and internal waters adjacent thereto any non-indigenous fauna or flora;

(e) cause a vessel to be moored in the Territory by means of an anchor or any similar device on the vessel whenever there is available a device on the seabed to which the vessel can be securely attached by a line;

(f) deposit or leave in the Territory any waste material or litter.

(2) No person may light a fire except in accordance with regulations issued pursuant to section 3(1) of the Protection and Preservation of Wild Life Ordinance 1970.

(3) The prohibitions in this section are, unless excluded by written consent of the Administrator, attached as conditions to all permits issued under this Ordinance.”

Amendment of section 6 of the Principal Ordinance.

6. Section 6 of the Principal Ordinance is amended by deleting the word “Commissioner” in subsection (2) and replacing it with the word “Administrator”.

Amendment of section 7 of the Principal Ordinance.

7. Section 7 of the Principal Ordinance is amended by –

(a) deleting the words “this Ordinance” in subsection (1) and replacing them with “section 19”;

(b) deleting subsection (2) and re-numbering subsection “(3)” to read “(2)”.

Addition of a new section 7A to the Principal Ordinance.

8. The Principal Ordinance is amended by adding a new section 7A, immediately after section 7, that reads –

“Appeal to the Commissioner.

7A. A person aggrieved by any decision of the Administrator may appeal to the Commissioner, whose decision shall be final and conclusive.”

Amendment of section 9 of the Principal Ordinance.

9. Section 9 of the Principal Ordinance is amended by –

(a) replacing subsections (2), (3), (4), (5), (6) and (7) with –

“(2) The master of any vessel which moors at any place in the Territory without a permit issued under this Ordinance in respect of that mooring in contravention of section 4(1) shall be guilty of an offence.

(3) The master of any vessel which moors at any place in the Territory which is not within the boundaries specified in section 4(2) and Schedule 1 of this Ordinance shall be guilty of an offence.

(4) Any person who refuses or fails on demand to produce forthwith any permit, passport or other document in accordance with section 8(1) shall be guilty of an offence.

(5) Any person who obstructs a Visiting Vessels Control Officer in the exercise of his powers under this Ordinance or who, without lawful cause (the onus of proof whereof lies on him) refuses or fails to comply with any direction reasonably given to him by such an officer or to answer any question reasonably put to him by such an officer or who gives an answer to such a question which he knows to be false or misleading in any material particular or who prevents or attempts to prevent another person from complying with such a direction or from answering such a question shall be guilty of an offence.

(6) Any person who fails to observe a condition attaching to a visitor or to any mooring by section 5 or otherwise shall be guilty of an offence.

(7) The master of any vessel which enters the territorial sea of Diego Garcia in contravention of section 4(3) shall be guilty of an offence.”;

(b) adding new subsections (7A), (7B) and (7C) immediately after subsection 7 as follows –

“(7A) In relation to an offence under a provision of this section specified in column 1 of Schedule 1A (the general nature of the offence being described in column 2), columns 3, 4 and 5 show respectively the punishments which may be imposed on a person convicted of the offence according to whether the length of the vessel in connection with which the offence was committed was in Band A, Band B or Band C.

(7B) Despite any provision of law limiting the time within which proceedings may be commenced, proceedings for an offence under this Ordinance may be commenced at any time after the commission of that offence.

(7C) Despite section 169(1) of the Criminal Procedure Code 2019, the Magistrate’s Court, on convicting any person of an offence under this Ordinance has jurisdiction to impose on him any fine to which he is liable under this Ordinance for that offence, and despite section 197(1) of that Code, any court may, in such a case, order that person to pay to the Crown such costs and expenses incurred by the Crown in preparation for or otherwise in connection with the proceedings as it thinks proper (including the expenses incurred, whether before or after the commencement of the proceedings, in the exercise of any of the powers vested in a Visiting Vessels Control Officer).”;

(c) adding a new subsection (13) immediately after subsection (12) as follows –

“(13) For the purposes of this Ordinance and regulations issued under this Ordinance –

(a) the expressions “Band A”, “Band B” and “Band C” have the meanings shown by the following table –

Band	Overall length of vessel
A	Up to 24 metres
B	More than 24 metres and less than 36 metres
C	36 metres and above

(b) the expression “length of the vessel in connection with which the offence was committed” means –

(i) where the offence was committed under subsection (2), (3) or (7), the length of the vessel that was used to commit the offence, and

(ii) where the offence was committed under subsection (4), (5) or (6), the length of the vessel on which the person concerned travelled to the Territory.”

Amendment of section 11 of the Principal Ordinance.

10. Section 11 of the Principal Ordinance is amended by replacing “Schedule 2” with “Schedule 2A or 2B”.

Amendment of section 13 of the Principal Ordinance.

11. Section 13 of the Principal Ordinance is deleted and replaced with –

“Amount of fixed penalty.

13. The fixed penalty for an offence –

(a) under a provision of this Ordinance specified in column 1 of Schedule 2A (the general nature of the offence being described in column 2), is shown in columns 3, 4 and 5 according to whether the length of the vessel in connection with which the offence was committed is in Band A, Band B or Band C, and

(b) under a provision of a law other than this Ordinance specified in column 1 of Schedule 2B (the general nature of the offence being described in column 2), is shown in column 3.”

Amendment of section 19 of the Principal Ordinance.

12. Section 19 of the Principal Ordinance, previously deleted on revision, is amended to read –

“PART III

Miscellaneous

Regulations.

19. (1) The Commissioner may make such regulations as the Commissioner considers necessary for the purposes of this Ordinance.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (1), regulations made by the Commissioner may provide for or determine –

- (a) anything which is to be, or which may be, prescribed under this Ordinance;
- (b) any forms to be used for the purposes of this Ordinance;
- (c) the procedures to be adopted –
 - (i) in applying for permits;
 - (ii) in granting permits;
- (d) the conditions subject to which licences are to be, or may be, granted;
- (e) the fees or mooring-charges to be charged and the method of computing such fees or charges.

(3) Regulations made under this section may provide that the contravention of any provision thereof shall constitute an offence, and may prescribe, as the penalty for any such offence, a fine not exceeding £5,000.”

Amendment of section 20 of the Principal Ordinance.

13. Section 20 of the Principal Ordinance is amended by –

- (a) re-numbering it section 21;
- (b) replacing the word “section” with the word “Ordinance”;
- (c) inserting a new section 20 that reads –

“Signification of decision, etc., by Administrator.

20. Where this Ordinance, or any regulations issued under it, confers on the Administrator the power –

- (a) to grant a permit;

(b) to authorise any thing to be done or omitted;

(c) to impose, or to grant exemption from or to remit, any fee or charge,

the exercise of that power (or of any power included or implied in that power) by the Administrator shall be sufficiently signified if signified by an Environment Officer.”

Addition of a new Schedule 1A to the Principal Ordinance.

14. The Principal Ordinance is amended by adding a new Schedule 1A immediately after Schedule 1 that reads –

“SCHEDULE 1A (Maximum penalties for offences)

Section 9(7A)

Columns				
1	2	3	4	5
Section number	Description	Band A	Band B	Band C
9(2)	Master mooring without a permit	3 years’ imprisonment or a fine of £40,000, or both	3 years’ imprisonment or a fine of £80,000, or both	3 years’ imprisonment or a fine of £120,000, or both
9(3)	Master mooring outside boundaries	6 months’ imprisonment or a fine of £10,000, or both	9 months’ imprisonment or a fine of £20,000, or both	1 years’ imprisonment of a fine of £30,000, or both
9(4)	Failing to produce a document	6 months’ imprisonment or a fine of £5,000, or both	6 months’ imprisonment or a fine of £10,000, or both	6 months’ imprisonment or a fine of £15,000, or both
9(5)	Obstructing a Visiting Vessels Control Officer etc.	6 months’ imprisonment or a fine of £5,000, or both	6 months’ imprisonment or a fine of £10,000, or both	6 months’ imprisonment or a fine of £15,000, or both
9(6)	Failing to comply with a permit condition	6 months’ imprisonment or a fine of £25,000, or both	6 months’ imprisonment or a fine of £50,000, or both	6 months’ imprisonment or a fine of £75,000, or both
9(7)	Master entering the territorial sea of Diego Garcia contrary to section 4(3)	3 years’ imprisonment or a fine of £40,000, or both	3 years’ imprisonment or a fine of £80,000, or both	3 years’ imprisonment or a fine of £120,000, or both

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Amendment of Schedule 2 of the Principal Ordinance.

15. Schedule 2 of the Principal Ordinance is deleted and replaced with –

“SCHEDULE 2A (Fixed penalty amounts for offences)

Section 13(a)

Columns				
1	2	3	4	5
Section number	Description	Fixed Penalty Band A	Fixed Penalty Band B	Fixed Penalty Band C
9(2)	Master mooring without a permit	£4,000	£8,000	£12,000
9(3)	Master mooring outside boundaries	£1,000	£2,000	£3,000
9(4)	Failing to produce a document	£500	£1,000	£1,500
9(5)	Obstructing a Visiting Vessels Control Officer etc.	£500	£1,000	£1,500
9(6)	Failing to comply with a permit condition	£2,500	£5,000	£7,500

SCHEDULE 2B (Fixed penalty amounts for offences under other laws)

Section 13(b)

Columns		
1	2	3
Section/Regulation of other Ordinances and Regulations	Description	Fixed Penalty Amount
The Strict Nature Reserve Regulations 1998 s.3	(1)(a) Entering a strict nature reserve (1)(b) In a strict nature reserve hunting, fishing, forestry, agriculture, digging, damaging or collecting vegetation, polluting water, harming or disturbing fauna and flora (1)(c) In a strict nature reserve introducing non-indigenous wildlife	£5,000
The Penal Code 1981 s.266	Destroying or damaging property (including writing graffiti)	£1,000
The Waters (Regulation of Activities) Ordinance 1997 s.3	Undertaking a regulated activity without permission. (Prohibited activities include using diving equipment)	£1,000
The Misuse of Drugs Ordinance 1992 s.6	Unlawful possession of a Class C controlled drug (including cannabis)	£500
The Wild Life Protection (Lighting of Fires in the Outer Islands) Regulations 2018, r. 8	Lighting a fire in the Outer Islands except in accordance with the regulations	£5,000

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THE BRITISH INDIAN OCEAN TERRITORY

**THE IMMIGRATION ORDINANCE 2006
(AMENDMENT) (No. 2) ORDINANCE 2026**

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THE IMMIGRATION ORDINANCE 2006
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Enacted by the Commissioner for the British Indian Ocean Territory

22 October 2026

[Signed on original]

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Michael Vidler
Acting Commissioner
British Indian Ocean Territory

THE BRITISH INDIAN OCEAN TERRITORY
THE IMMIGRATION ORDINANCE 2022
(AMENDMENT) (No. 2) ORDINANCE 2026

Ordinance No. 5 of 2026

An Ordinance to amend the Immigration Ordinance 2006 to enable the issuance of fees in connection with applications for permits and related matters.

Citation and commencement.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Immigration Ordinance 2006 (Amendment) (No. 2) Ordinance 2026 and shall come into force forthwith.

Definition.

2. The “Principal Ordinance” means the Immigration Ordinance 2006.

Amendment of section 4 of the Principal Ordinance.

3. Section 4 of the Principal Ordinance is amended by –
 - (a) removing the full stop at the end of subsection (2)(c) and replacing it with a semi-colon, and
 - (b) inserting a new subsection (2)(d) that reads:

“(d) the fees to be charged for anything done, or for any permit or endorsement issued, made or renewed, under this Ordinance or under any such regulations.”



THE BRITISH INDIAN OCEAN TERRITORY

**THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS
(APPLICATION PROCESS)
REGULATIONS 2026**

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THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS (APPLICATION PROCESS)
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THE BRITISH INDIAN OCEAN TERRITORY

THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS (APPLICATION PROCESS) REGULATIONS 2026

S.I. No. 2 of 2026

In exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 15(1) of the British Indian Ocean Territory (Immigration) Order 2004, section 4(2)(b) of the Immigration Ordinance 2006 and section 19(2) of the Visitors and Visiting Vessels Ordinance 2018, the Commissioner hereby makes the following regulations:

Citation and commencement.

1. These regulations may be cited as the Issuance of Permits (Application Process) Regulations 2026 and shall come into force forthwith.

Application of regulations.

2. These regulations apply where a person (an “Applicant”) seeks the issuance of –
- (a) a permit to enter or be present in the Territory under section 7 of the British Indian Ocean Territory (Immigration) Order 2004 (an “Immigration Permit”);
 - (b) a group permit for a list of persons to make an authorised visit to the Territory under section 2(1) of the Immigration Ordinance 2006 (a “Group Permit”), or
 - (c) a permit to moor in the Territory under section 4(1) of the Visitors and Visiting Vessels Ordinance 2018 (a “Mooring Permit”).

Standard form of application.

3. (1) For the purposes of these regulations, the Commissioner shall issue a form (an “Application Form”) to be used by an Applicant.

(2) The Application Form, or a link to it, shall be published on the webpages managed by the British Indian Ocean Territory Administration.

(3) The Commissioner may, from time to time, update, amend or otherwise adjust the Application Form.

(4) Where the Commissioner acts in accordance with sub-regulation (3), such changes that are made shall not come into effect until the updated, amended or otherwise adjusted Application Form is published in the manner prescribed by sub-regulation (2).

Manner of application.

4. Subject to regulation 7, an Applicant must submit a completed Application Form to the Administrator for processing in accordance with regulation 5, unless otherwise instructed by the Administrator or Principal Immigration Officer.

Processing by the Administrator.

5. (1) On receipt of an Application Form from an Applicant, the Administrator shall consider whether the Applicant has completed all relevant parts of that form and may –

(a) ask the Applicant to provide further information if the form has not been properly completed;

(b) forward the Application Form to the Principal Immigration Officer for the Principal Immigration Officer's consideration when determining a request for –

(i) an Immigration Permit;

(ii) a list of persons to be included in a Group Permit;

(c) consider the contents of the Application Form when determining a request for –

(i) a list of persons to be included in a Group Permit;

(ii) a Mooring Permit.

(2) The Administrator may refuse to act in accordance with sub-regulation (1)(b) or (c) until the Administrator is in receipt of a properly completed Application Form from the Applicant.

Non-conferment of rights.

6. The submission of a completed Application Form by an Applicant does not, in any way, confer a right upon the Applicant to be granted an Immigration Permit, have their name listed in a Group Permit or to be granted a Mooring Permit.

Issuance of an Immigration Permit, Group Permit or Mooring Permit without completed Application Form.

7. In exceptional circumstances, –

(a) the Principal Immigration officer may issue an Immigration Permit or a

Group Permit;

(b) the Administrator may issue a Group Permit or Mooring Permit,

despite an Applicant not having provided a properly completed Application Form.

Appeal to the Commissioner.

8. A person aggrieved by any decision made pursuant to these Regulations by the Principal Immigration Officer or Administrator may appeal to the Commissioner, whose decision shall be final and conclusive.

15th October 2026

[Signed on original]

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Nishi Dholakia
Commissioner



BRITISH INDIAN OCEAN TERRITORY

THE VISITING VESSELS MOORING FEES AND PERMIT REGULATIONS 2026

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**THE VISITING VESSELS MOORING FEES
AND PERMIT REGULATIONS 2026**

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THE BRITISH INDIAN OCEAN TERRITORY

**THE VISITING VESSELS MOORING FEES
AND PERMIT REGULATIONS 2026**

S.I. No. 3 of 2026

In exercise of the powers vested in him by sections 7(1) and 19 of the Visitors and Visiting Vessels Ordinance 2018, (the “Ordinance”), the Commissioner hereby makes the following regulations –

Citation and commencement.

1. These regulations may be cited as the Visiting Vessels Mooring Fees and Permit Regulations 2026 and shall come into force forthwith.

Application.

2. (1) Application for a permit shall be made not more than 180 days nor less than 14 days before the date of the first intended mooring.

(2) No application may be made for a permit to moor the vessel in the Territory for more than 28 consecutive days.

Determination of the application.

3. (1) On receipt of an application for a permit, the Administrator may either –

- (a) allow the application;
- (b) request further information; or
- (c) refuse the application.

(2) If the Administrator allows the application, a permit will not be issued until the applicable mooring-charge, as set out in regulation 4, has been paid in full.

(3) In granting a permit, the Administrator may impose any conditions he considers appropriate.

(4) Any payments made pursuant to regulation 3(2) are non-refundable.

Mooring-Charge.

4. (1) Subject to regulation 5, the mooring-charge payable under section 7 of the Ordinance is shown in the following table –

Requested duration within the Territory	Mooring-charge		
	Band A	Band B	Band C
One to seven days	£250	£2,500	£5,000
Eight to 14 days	£500	£5,000	£10,000
15 to 21 days	£750	£7,500	£15,000
22 to 28 days	£1,000	£10,000	£20,000

Exemption.

5. The Administrator may reduce or waive the payment of the mooring-charge –

- (a) where an application is made by or on behalf of a group of persons who are to carry out scientific or environmental research, which has been approved by the Government of the Territory, or
- (b) in any other circumstances where the Administrator is satisfied that there is good reason for such mooring charges to be so reduced or waived.

Permit.

6. (1) A permit shall be substantially in the form set out in the Schedule to these regulations.

(2) The Commissioner, the Commissioner's Representative, the Administrator or a Visiting Vessels Control Officer may at any time and for any reason –

- (a) amend or vary any condition attached to a permit; or
- (b) revoke a permit.

Repeal.

7. The Visiting Vessels Mooring Fees and Permit Regulations 2018 are repealed.

SCHEDULE



BRITISH INDIAN OCEAN TERRITORY

VESSEL MOORING PERMIT

PERMIT NUMBER: XX/20XX

DATE ISSUED: XXX

Vessel Name:	
Registration Number:	
Port of Registration:	
Call Sign:	
Vessel Length:	
Beam:	
Draught:	
Colours/Markings:	
Gross Registered Tonnage:	
Net Registered Tonnage:	
Yacht Email:	
Name of Master:	
Passport Details:	
Number of Crew:	
Names & Passport Details:	
Mooring Sites:	Permitted mooring sites in Peros Banhos and Salomon Islands
Additional Remarks:	

**Arrival
Date:**

Departure Date:

Fee paid:

Date of payment:

Any changes to the above information MUST be sent to the BIOT Administration for approval prior to mooring in the Territory.

It is the mooring permit holder's responsibility to comply with all the laws of the Territory, including the Visitors and Visiting Vessels Ordinance 2018 and all regulations made pursuant to it.

The validity of this permit is dependent on all persons on board, including master and crew, having current and valid permission to be in the Territory.

Your fishing log must be returned to the Senior Fisheries Protection Officer [*insert email address*] within 10 days of leaving the Territory (this is a requirement, including nil returns). Fisheries Officers have the right to inspect your fishing log and catch at any time.

Administrator,
British Indian Ocean Territory
BIOTAdmin@fco.gov.uk

[Signed on original]

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Nishi Dholakia
Commissioner
British Indian Ocean Territory

15th October 2026



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In exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 15(1) of the British Indian Ocean Territory (Immigration) Order 2004, section 4(2)(b) of the Immigration Ordinance 2006 and section 19(2) of the Visitors and Visiting Vessels Ordinance 2018, the Commissioner hereby makes the following regulations:

Citation and commencement.

1. These regulations may be cited as the Issuance of Permits (Application Process) Regulations 2026 (Amendment) Regulations 2026 and shall come into force forthwith.

Definition.

2. The “Principal Regulations” means the Issuance of Permits (Application Process) Regulations 2026.

Amendment of regulation 4 of the Principal Regulations.

3. Regulation 4 of the Principal Regulations is amended by revoking it and replacing it with –

“Manner of application.

4. Subject to regulation 7, an Applicant must submit –

(a) a completed Application Form, and

(b) a non-refundable Application Fee of £100

to the Administrator for processing in accordance with regulation 5, unless otherwise instructed by the Administrator or Principal Immigration Officer.”

Amendment of regulation 5 of the Principal Regulations.

4. Regulation 5 of the Principal Regulations is amended by –

(a) adding the words “and the Application Fee” immediately after the words “On receipt of an Application Form” in sub-regulation (1), and

(b) revoking sub-regulation (2) and replacing it with –

“(2) the Administrator may refuse to act in accordance with sub-regulation (1)(b) or

(c) until the Applicant has provided the Administrator with –

(a) a properly completed Application Form, and

(b) the Application Fee.”

Amendment of regulation 6 of the Principal Regulations.

5. Regulation 6 of the Principal Regulations is amended by inserting the words “and Application Fee” immediately after “Application Form”.

Amendment of regulation 7 of the Principal Regulations.

6. Regulation 7 of the Principal Regulations is amended by –

(a) inserting the words “or payment of Application Fee” immediately after the words “Application Form” in the heading, and

(b) inserting the words “or not having paid the Application Fee” immediately after “Application Form” in the regulation.

22 October 2026

[Signed on original]

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Michael Vidler
Acting Commissioner
British Indian Ocean Territory