# COASTAL TRADING (REVITALISING AUSTRALIAN SHIPPING) ACT 2012

*If your project involves carrying passengers or cargo between ports in Australia, you may need approvals in accordance with this Act.*

## What approvals do I need?

Coastal Trading Licences are required to transport passengers or cargo on interstate voyages.

* **General Licence (Australian-flagged vessels)**

Unrestricted access to engage in coastal trading for 5 years

* **Temporary Licence (Foreign-flagged vessels)**

Limited access, as per approval, to engage in coastal trading for 12 months.

* **Emergency Licence**

Access to engage in coastal trading in identified emergency situations for up to 30 days.

## Who provides approvals?

The Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications regulates coastal trading between ports in Australia under the *Coastal Trading (Revitalising Australian Shipping) Act 2012*.

## How do I get Commonwealth approval?

Applications for licences and reporting requirements must be submitted online through the [Coastal Trading Licensing System (CTLS)](https://ctls.infrastructure.gov.au/).

Guidelines are available on the Infrastructure [website](https://infrastructure.gov.au/maritime/business/coastal_trading/licencing/index.aspx).

## More information

### Commonwealth

For more information, visit the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications website or contact the Shipping Business Unit:

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### Major Projects Facilitation Agency

If you would like assistance to identify the regulatory obligations for your project, please visit our [Online Tool](https://majorprojectshelp.business.gov.au/) or contact us:

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