

# Marine parks permits for establishing moorings

## When will I need a permit?

You need a permit to install a mooring in a marine park sanctuary zone.

Permitting of moorings will provide the means to manage the location and type of moorings to minimise damage or harm to specific sites. It is recognised that moorings can minimise negative environmental impacts by reducing anchoring. The permitting system will also allow the cumulative impacts of all activities in specific locations to be considered and will inform on-going adaptive marine park management.

A mooring is defined as a single-point (or swing) mooring or two-point (fore and aft) mooring secured to the seabed on which a vessel or other object is moored for extended periods, either when the vessel is not in use, or for activities which require an object or vessel to be regularly moored in a particular location (eg for research or tourism purposes).

## How do I get a permit?

To establish a mooring you will need to contact the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI) to determine the suitability of location in regards to the safety of navigation, obstruction of navigation and potential for polluting waters or of a lease or licence is required. Further information is available on this website: [www.sa.gov.au/topics/boating-and-marine/Moorings-marinas-and-boat-havens/what-is-a-mooring](http://www.sa.gov.au/topics/boating-and-marine/Moorings-marinas-and-boat-havens/what-is-a-mooring)

Once you have checked with DPTI, and your proposed mooring site is in a marine park sanctuary zone, you will need to apply for a marine parks permit. Your application will be assessed using the following general criteria:

- the necessity for the mooring to be located within a sanctuary zone
- the potential impact on local habitats or features
- type of mooring
- protection of the conservation values of the sanctuary zone.

## What will a permit cost?

Application fees are payable for permits to establish moorings. Details about fee payment are available on the [permit application form](#).

## Are there any special requirements?

As your proposed mooring system will be assessed against its potential impact on habitat, preference will be given to mooring systems which minimise impact on the seafloor through use of rubber, elastic or shock absorbing mechanisms to prevent chain dragging or movement of the mooring system.

The buoy marking the mooring is to be white, not less than 250mm and not greater than 800mm in greatest dimension and designed specifically for marine use. Your marine parks permit number is to be clearly marked on the buoy and maintained so as to be legible at all times.

## What are my responsibilities?

The installation, on-going maintenance, security and removal of the mooring will be your responsibility. Moorings may be subject to inspections and you will be liable for maintaining the mooring to the required standards as described on your permit.

Every permit will be issued with conditions. It is your responsibility to ensure that these conditions are met. Breaches of any conditions may result in cancellation of the permit and removal of the mooring at the permit holder's expense.

## More information

**If you have a question, contact:**

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