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A Gold Licence can be more economical than separate licences from the different navigation authorities, depending on the length of time you intend to spend away from your home navigation on any of the waterways covered by the licence.

What is a Gold Licence?

The Gold Licence is for people who wish to spend time cruising on a combination of Canal & River Trust and Environment Agency (EA) navigations. EA navigations include the River Thames, Anglian waterways and Upper Medway: each of these areas has its own registration/licensing scheme.

The Gold Licence replaces the need for separate licences from the different authorities and covers all Canal & River Trust and EA navigations.

It is a twelve month licence and registration for powered craft only. It doesn't cover the tender to a boat – you need to register or license this separately with the individual authorities.

What does it cost?

If your boat is less than 3.5 metres (11'5") wide, the cost is upward from £606 depending on its length. The fee sheet for boats under 3.5m wide is printed on page 4.

If your home mooring is on the Thames you can obtain a formal quotation for a wider boat by calling 0303 040 4040 (Monday to Friday, 8am to 6pm, calls charged at local rate).

When is it available?

All Gold Licences run from 1 January and expire on 31 December, you may be eligible for a part year licence, these are only available for customers who have not previously held a Gold Licence. If you have previously held a Gold Licence then your licence will be required to start on 1 January.

How can I get a refund on my current, unexpired licence or registration?

Your home navigation may issue a pro-rata refund for any overlapping months unused, should you upgrade to a Gold Licence.

You may be eligible for a pro-rata refund for your licence if you have sold the boat, taken the boat permanently off the water or placed the boat onto a trade brokerage. Refunds are for full months remaining only and are subject to a £30 admin charge.

Please note if you apply for a Gold Licence for the following year it will be required to start on 1 January.

Discounts

- Vessels which are powered solely by electricity: 25% discount.
- Canal & River Trust prompt payment discount is already deducted from the payment in full (see page 4).
- Historic boats on Canal & River Trust waterways claiming the 10% discount should contact Customer Services Centre who will calculate the value of your discount on your Gold Licence for you it is a complicated formula as the 10% can only be applied to the Canal & River Trust element of your Gold Licence.





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Payment methods

- · Visa, Mastercard
- Direct Debit
- in one single payment
- over 5 months (see fee list)
- over 9 months (see fee list)

If you pay in nine instalments, the first payment is 20% of the total amount due and is collected on the licence start date. The remaining instalments are equal amounts collected on the first day of the following months. The prompt payment discount is not available for instalment payments, but is already included in the payment in full (see page 4).

• Cheques made payable to Canal & River Trust

What requirements are there?

- A valid Boat Safety Scheme Certificate or Declaration of Conformity with the Recreational Craft Directive. The latter must include the boat specifications and your declaration. If your boat is an open vessel powered solely by an outboard engine and it has no appliances for cooking, heating, refrigeration or lighting, it will probably be exempt from this requirement – ask us for an exemption form and enclose it with your Gold Licence application.
- Proof that you have third party liability insurance cover in place for a minimum of £2 million.
- Registration documents issued by relevant navigation authorities must be carried aboard your vessel.
- Once you have obtained your Gold Licence, whether it be by email or by post, you must display the discs on both sides of your vessel. Please remember to remove any old licence discs.

Where can I use the Gold Licence?

A full list of waterways is printed (see page 3).

What do I need to remember when I'm cruising?

First, and foremost: Enjoy the waterways! You'll also need to make sure you're keeping to the boat licence terms and conditions of Canal & River Trust (the Trust) or the requirements of the Environment Agency (EA) when you're on their waterways. This will be particularly relevant if you don't have a home mooring when on the Trust's waterways, where you'll need to meet the guidance for boaters without a home mooring. Cruising carried out on EA waterways will not be considered in your Trust licence review.

There is other helpful information on the Trust and EA (gov.uk) websites.

Access keys

A single key fits all Canal ϑ River Trust sanitary facilities, locks ϑ swing bridges, and a handcuff key is also required to open some of the locks on Canal ϑ River Trust navigations.

They are available from Canal & River Trust Customer Services Centre, waterway offices, chandlers and on-line at canalrivertrust.org.uk/shop

A separate key is needed for the EA's Anglian Waterways, available from the EA. T 03708 506 506 (Monday-Friday, 8am-6pm).

Safe and responsible boating

You must familiarise yourself with and follow the regulations set by each navigation authority. For a copy of the Boaters' Handbook, contact Canal ϑ River Trust Customer Services Centre or any Canal ϑ River Trust or EA office.

Temporary restrictions

Please check **canalrivertrust.org.uk/notices** for stoppage information before travel. Canal & River Trust's main repair programme runs from October to April.

For Environment Agency waterways go to: www.gov.uk/check-river-conditions-and-closures





The Gold Licence may be used on the following waterways.

Canal & River Trust	
Aire & Calder Navigation	Montgomery Canal
Ashby Canal	New Junction Canal
Ashton Canal	Oxford Canal
Birmingham & Fazeley Canal	Peak Forest Canal
Birmingham Canal Navigations	Regent's Canal
Bow Back Rivers	Ripon Canal
Bridgwater & Taunton Canal	River Avon (Hanham Lock to Bath)
Calder & Hebble Navigation	River Ouse (Yorkshire)
Chesterfield Canal	River Severn
Coventry Canal	River Soar Navigation
Erewash Canal	River Ure
Fossdyke Navigation	Rochdale Canal
Gloucester & Sharpness Canal	Start Navigation
Grand Union Canal	Sheffield & South Yorkshire Navigations
Hertford Union Canal	Shropshire Union Canal
Huddersfield Broad Canal	Staffordshire & Worcestershire Canal
Huddersfield Narrow Canal	Stainforth & Keadby Canal
Kennet & Avon	Stourbridge Canal
Lancaster Canal	Stratford-on-Avon Canal
Lee Navigation	Tees Navigation
Leeds & Liverpool Canal	Trent & Mersey Canal
Limehouse Cut	Trent Navigation
Llangollen Canal	Upper Trent Navigation
London Docklands	(incl. the Nottingham and Beeston Canal)
(a fee is charged for short term moorings)	Witham Navigation
Monmouthshire & Brecon Canal	Worcester & Birmingham

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River Thames
River Medway
River Nene
River Great Ouse System
River Ancholme
River Glen above Surfleet Sluice
River Welland above Spalding Lock
River Stour

Environment Agency Contact Details

Environment Agency, Boat Registration, PO BOX 544, Rotherham S60 1 BY

T 03708 506 506 (Monday to Friday, 8am to 6pm)

E boatreg@environment-agency.gov.uk

W www.gov.uk/register-a-boat



Gold licence fees for narrowboats and craft less than 3.5m (11'5") wide, 2023 20% VAT

If your boat is wider than this, please contact us for a quote. (This only applies if your home mooring is on the Thames).

Fees include VAT where applicable. Price is the same for powered and unpowered craft.

Deduct 25% if your boat has a permanently fitted inboard electric motor.

Overall	length	Payment in full	Direct Debit instalments
metres	feet & inches	Gold	Gold DD
Up to - 5.09m	Up to - 16' 8"	£677.80	£762.50
5.10 - 5.49m	16' 9" - 18' 0"	£729.12	£821.58
5.50 - 6.09m	18' 1" - 20' 0"	£729.12	£821.58
6.10 - 6.49m	20' 1" - 21' 3"	£785.70	£886.15
6.50 - 7.09m	21' 4" - 23' 3"	£785.70	£886.15
7.10 - 7.49m	23' 4" - 24' 7"	£847.57	£954.85
7.50 - 8.09m	24' 8" - 26' 6"	£847.57	£954.85
8.10 - 8.49m	26' 7" - 27'10"	£902.84	£1,016.68
8.50 - 9.09m	27'11" - 29'10"	£902.84	£1,016.68
9.10 - 9.49m	29'11" - 31' 1"	£964.69	£1,088.11
9.50 - 10.09m	31' 2" - 33' 1"	£964.69	£1,088.11
10.10 - 10.49m	33' 2" - 34' 5"	£1,023.92	£1,156.81
10.50 - 11.09m	34' 6" - 36' 5"	£1,023.92	£1,156.81
11.10 - 11.49m	36' 6" - 37' 8"	£1,085.77	£1,224.13
11.50 - 12.09m	37' 9" - 39' 8"	£1,085.77	£1,224.13
12.10 - 12.49m	39' 9" - 41' 0"	£1,147.64	£1,292.82
12.50 - 13.09m	41' 1" -42'11"	£1,147.64	£1,292.82
13.10 - 13.49m	43' 0" - 44' 3"	£1,204.24	£1,357.39
13.50 - 14.09m	44' 4" - 46' 3"	£1,204.24	£1,357.39
14.10 - 14.49m	46' 4" - 47' 6"	£1,262.15	£1,421.96
14.50 - 15.09m	47' 7" - 49' 6"	£1,262.15	£1,421.96
15.10 - 15.49m	49' 7" - 50'10"	£1,326.62	£1,496.16
15.50 - 16.09m	50'11" - 52' 9"	£1,326.62	£1,496.16
16.10 - 16.49m	52'10"- 54' 1"	£1,383.23	£1,559.35
16.50 - 17.09m	54' 2" - 56' 1"	£1,383.23	£1,559.35
17.10 - 17.49m	56' 2" - 57' 4"	£1,446.40	£1,630.80
17.50 - 18.09m	57' 5" - 59' 4"	£1,446.40	£1,630.80
18.10 - 18.49m	59' 5" - 60' 8"	£1,505.62	£1,698.12
18.50 - 19.09m	60' 9" - 62' 7"	£1,505.62	£1,698.12
19.10 - 19.49m	62' 8" - 63'11"	£1,563.53	£1,764.06
19.50 - 20.09m	64' 0" - 65'11"	£1,563.53	£1,764.06
20.10 - 20.49m	66' 0" - 67' 2"	£1,624.07	£1,831.38
20.50 - 21.09m	67' 3" - 68'11"	£1,624.07	£1,831.38
21.10 - 21.49m	69' 0" - 70' 6"	£1,688.57	£1,901.45
21.50 - 22.09m	70' 7" - 72' 2"	£1,688.57	£1,901.45
22.10 - 22.49m	72' 3" - 73' 9"	£1,772.80	£1,997.62
22.50 - 23.09m	73'10" - 75' 9"	£1,772.80	£1,997.62

For vessels over 23.09/75'9" metres, prices available on request

Data Protection Legislation

You can find our full privacy notice on our website at canalrivertrust.org.uk/cookie-and-privacy-policy



Gold LicenceApplication Form 2023



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Where tick boxes are used, place a cross in the selected box. Please read the explanatory notes before filling in the form. We will return your application if it is not fully complete with correct enclosures.
1. Owner details
Your Canal & River Trust index number and/or EA reg. number: Boat name: Your Canal & River Trust customer number:
Which is your current 'home' navigation area?
Canal & River Trust EA Medway EA Thames EA Anglican Other (Please state)
Title: Surname: Surname:
House number/name: Telephone
Street name: Mobile: Mobile:
Town: Daytime: Daytime: Daytime:
County: Evening: Evening:
Postcode: [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [
Email:
Date of birth (may be used as a security check if you call us) (dd/mm/yyyy):
2. Boat details
Boat length: Beam: Draught: Year of construction: Hull material:
Boat makers name: Model: Model:
Inboard diesel Outboard petrol Outboard diesel Inboard electric Outboard electric
Engine No. of Other engines:
size(s): None/Auxiliary/Generator/Other (please state): Where is your boat normally moored?
Home mooring site name
Canal or river name
cruising, please tick
3. Insurance
My boat is insured by (enter name of insurer)
Policy number
Expires on (dd/mm/yyyy):



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4. Boat safety scheme
Boat Safety Certificate No. Validated Office Use Only
Issue date (dd/mm/yyyy): Expiry date (dd/mm/yyyy):
Canal & River Trust EA Medway EA Thames EA Anglican EA Middle Levels Other
Is the boat an open vessel with outboard engine?
Type of vessel: Bully, Cruiser, Narrowboat etc.
5. On board appliances
What appliances does your boat have? Cooker Fridge Water Heater Central Heating Fires Gas Electric None
What type of sanitary appliance does your boat have? Sea Toilet Holding Tank (Pump out) Portable Container (Chemical Toilet)
6. Licence start date
(dd/mm/yyyy): Period 12 months
7. Refund request
Who issued your last licence?
Canal & River Trust You must enclose both your current Canal & River Trust disks if you are claiming a refund EA Medway EA Thames EA Anglican EA Middle Levels You need to return your disks to the relevant EA office to claim a refund
Please use the fee sheet enclosed to calculate your fee for craft up to 3.5m wide £
8. Payment method
Credit/Debit Card – On receipt of your application we will contact you to obtain payment details.
Cheque – crossed and payable to Canal & River Trust Direct Debit – remember to enclose your completed mandate and see fee sheet. We may research your credit history before accepting a request for payments by Direct Debit instalments.
Please select
One single instalment 5 monthly instalments 9 monthly instalments
Declaration
Signed
Date (dd/mm/yyyy):

You are responsible for familiarising yourself with, and following the regulations set by each navigation authority. The conditions published by Canal & River Trust and EA for their separate licensing and registration schemes apply to the Gold Licence unless otherwise indicated in the Gold Licence information. Your licence may be withdrawn if you do not comply. Gold Licences are transferable if you sell your boat, but cannot be transferred from boat to boat.

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How to pay your renewal

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How to pay

Direct Debit

• NB We can only operate Direct Debit from one bank account per customer. It is important that you read the section 'paying by Direct Debit' in your terms and conditions booklet.

Direct Debit payment options

- All instalments will be split evenly between the number of payments selected and taken on the first available date of the following month. The prompt payment discount is not available for instalment payments.
- We will always notify you in advance of the payment dates and amounts.

Paument Card

(Visa, Mastercard, Maestro only)

Cheque

• Please make cheques payable to Canal & River Trust and write your customer number on the back. Please do not send cash through the post. If you plan to offer the boat for hire or reward, you must have a business licence. Please ask for the special form.

Instruction to your bank or building society to pay by Direct Debit



Please fill in the whole form and send it to:

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Name and address of your Bank or Building Society

To: The Ma	nager				Bank	/building	society
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Instruction to your bank or building society

Please pay Canal & River Trust Direct Debits from the account detailed in this instruction subject to the safeguards assured bu the Direct Debit Guarantee.

I understand that this Instruction may remain with Canal & River Trust and, if so, details will be passed electronically to my bank/building society.

Signature(s)
Date

Banks and building societies may not accept Direct Debit Instructions for some types of account.

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This Guarantee should be detached and retained by the payer.

The Direct Debit Guarantee

- \cdot This Guarantee is offered by all banks and building societies that accept instructions to pay Direct Debits.
- · If there are any changes to the amount, date or frequency of your Direct Debit Canal 8 River Trust will notify you 10 working days in advance of your account being debited or as otherwise agreed. If you request Canal 8 River Trust to collect a payment, confirmation of the amount and date will be given to you at the time of the request.
- · If an error is made in the payment of your Direct Debit, by Canal & River Trust or your bank or building society, you are entitled to a full and immediate refund of the amount paid from your bank or building society.
- · If you receive a refund you are not entitled to, you must pay it back when Canal 8 River Trust asks you to.
 · You can cancel a Direct Debit at any time by simply contacting your bank or building society. Written confirmation may be required. Please also notify us.

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