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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 River Medway: currently 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 over 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 (Mon–Fri 8am–6pm, calls charged at local rate).

### When is it available?

All Gold licences run from 1st January – 31st December 2020 irrespective of when you apply.

### 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.

**A Gold Licence is non refundable.**

### 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

- Cheques payable to Canal & River Trust
- 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).

### 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).

### Access keys

A single key fits all Canal & River Trust sanitary facilities, locks & swing bridges (£7.00), and a handcuff key (£5.00) is also required to open some of the locks on Canal & River Trust navigations.

They are available from Canal & River Trust Customer Services Centre, waterway offices, chandlers and on-line at

[www.canalrivertrust.org.uk/shop](http://www.canalrivertrust.org.uk/shop)

A separate key is needed for the EA's Anglian Waterways (£10.00) per key, available from the EA T 03708 506 506.

### 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 & River Trust Customer Services Centre or any Canal & River Trust or EA office.

### Temporary restrictions

Please check [www.canalrivertrust.org.uk/notices](http://www.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/register-a-boat](http://www.gov.uk/register-a-boat)

The gold licence may be used on the following waterways:

### Canal & River Trust

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| 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  |
| Fosdyke 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<br>(incl. the Nottingham and Beeston Canal) |
| London Docklands<br>(a fee is charged for short term moorings) | Witham Navigation  |
| Monmouthshire & Brecon Canal                                   | Worcester & Birmingham   |

### Environment Agency

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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  
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## Gold licence fees for narrowboats and craft less than 3.5m (11'5") wide, 2020' 20% VAT

If your boat is wider than this, please contact us for a quote. (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"  | £606            | £654                     |
| 5.10 - 5.49m   | 16' 9" - 18' 0" | £652            | £704                     |
| 5.50 - 6.09m   | 18' 1" - 20' 0" | £652            | £704                     |
| 6.10 - 6.49m   | 20' 1" - 21' 3" | £703            | £759                     |
| 6.50 - 7.09m   | 21' 4" - 23' 3" | £703            | £759                     |
| 7.10 - 7.49m   | 23' 4" - 24' 7" | £758            | £818                     |
| 7.50 - 8.09m   | 24' 8" - 26' 6" | £758            | £818                     |
| 8.10 - 8.49m   | 26' 7" - 27'10" | £808            | £871                     |
| 8.50 - 9.09m   | 27'11" - 29'10" | £808            | £871                     |
| 9.10 - 9.49m   | 29'11" - 31' 1" | £863            | £933                     |
| 9.50 - 10.09m  | 31' 2" - 33' 1" | £863            | £933                     |
| 10.10 - 10.49m | 33' 2" - 34' 5" | £916            | £991                     |
| 10.50 - 11.09m | 34' 6" - 36' 5" | £916            | £991                     |
| 11.10 - 11.49m | 36' 6" - 37' 8" | £971            | £1,049                   |
| 11.50 - 12.09m | 37' 9" - 39' 8" | £971            | £1,049                   |
| 12.10 - 12.49m | 39' 9" - 41' 0" | £1,027          | £1,108                   |
| 12.50 - 13.09m | 41' 1" - 42'11" | £1,027          | £1,108                   |
| 13.10 - 13.49m | 43' 0" - 44' 3" | £1,077          | £1,164                   |
| 13.50 - 14.09m | 44' 4" - 46' 3" | £1,077          | £1,164                   |
| 14.10 - 14.49m | 46' 4" - 47' 6" | £1,129          | £1,219                   |
| 14.50 - 15.09m | 47' 7" - 49' 6" | £1,129          | £1,219                   |
| 15.10 - 15.49m | 49' 7" - 50'10" | £1,187          | £1,282                   |
| 15.50 - 16.09m | 50'11" - 52' 9" | £1,187          | £1,282                   |
| 16.10 - 16.49m | 52'10" - 54' 1" | £1,238          | £1,337                   |
| 16.50 - 17.09m | 54' 2" - 56' 1" | £1,238          | £1,337                   |
| 17.10 - 17.49m | 56' 2" - 57' 4" | £1,294          | £1,398                   |
| 17.50 - 18.09m | 57' 5" - 59' 4" | £1,294          | £1,398                   |
| 18.10 - 18.49m | 59' 5" - 60' 8" | £1,347          | £1,456                   |
| 18.50 - 19.09m | 60' 9" - 62' 7" | £1,347          | £1,456                   |
| 19.10 - 19.49m | 62' 8" - 63'11" | £1,399          | £1,512                   |
| 19.50 - 20.09m | 64' 0" - 65'11" | £1,399          | £1,512                   |
| 20.10 - 20.49m | 66' 0" - 67' 2" | £1,453          | £1,570                   |
| 20.50 - 21.09m | 67' 3" - 68'11" | £1,453          | £1,570                   |
| 21.10 - 21.49m | 69' 0" - 70' 6" | £1,511          | £1,630                   |
| 21.50 - 22.09m | 70' 7" - 72' 2" | £1,511          | £1,630                   |
| 22.10 - 22.49m | 72' 3" - 73' 9" | £1,586          | £1,712                   |
| 22.50 - 23.09m | 73'10" - 75' 9" | £1,586          | £1,712                   |

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

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