

Pursuant to *Harbour Master's Directions* (12th Edition), it is mandatory for transiting vessels with a draft of 11.6 m and over to use the Dynamic Under Keel Clearance (DUKC) system.

Vessel Masters must:

- Send data *no more than 24 hours and no less than 12 hours before arrival*.
- Send data at least 6 hours **before departure**.

Note to the Master

Email the completed form:

To: DUKC@ports.vic.gov.au

Subject: (Vessel name) followed by the word (Arrival) or (Departure)

All fields are compulsory and must be completed before submitting the form.

Name of vessel		IMO No.	
Vessel type		MMSI No.	
LOA (m)		LBP (m)	
Summer draught (m)		Beam (m)	
Vessel movement		Air draught (m)	
Origin		Destination	
Date and time (dd/mm/yyyy and hh:mm)		KM	
Draught	Forward (m)	- KG	
	Midships (m)	= GM (solid)	
	Aft (m)	- FSC	
Displacement at transit draught		= GM (fluid)	
The Master and / or Agent (the User) hereby agrees to the conditions and limitations outlined on page 2, in relation to the use of DUKC information.			
Master or ship's agent name (the User)		Date dd/mm/yyyy	

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Data entered into DUKC system		Auto calculation started		Cancelled	
Pending – awaiting revised data		Completed		Transit calculation emailed	

Ports Victoria to provide Dynamic Under Keel Clearance (DUKC) Services to the user

Ports Victoria hereby agrees, to provide the following services to the user in respect of the user's vessel:

- operate and maintain the DUKC system in order to maximise the range of Under Keel Clearance windows for use by the vessel (named on this form) at port of Melbourne
- operate the DUKC system, using reasonable endeavours to maintain it in good working order
- maintain the ability for the DUKC system to generate Under Keel Clearance predictions for proposed user vessel movements
- maintain a system that provides a continuous supply of accurate wave and tide data to the DUKC system.

Further information on DUKC can be found in Harbour Master's Directions.

Limitations on Ports Victoria service obligations

Acknowledgment

The user acknowledges that, for the DUKC system to function properly, it is dependent on the:

- performance of third parties under support agreements and licences with Ports Victoria
- continuous supply of relevant wave and tide data
- DUKC infrastructure being in working condition.

Service obligation limitations

Ports Victoria and the user agree that nothing will oblige Ports Victoria to provide any component of the DUKC services to the user in circumstances where Ports Victoria is unable to operate the DUKC system, or provide any component of the DUKC services as a result of:

- termination or discontinuance of any of the third party agreements or licences with Ports Victoria
- any reasonable DUKC system downtime due to repairs or maintenance work being carried out or any delay following any request for maintenance or repair support being made by Ports Victoria, or anyone else
- any failure of or any damage to any component of the DUKC Infrastructure
- anything beyond the reasonable control of Ports Victoria, provided that none of the events are caused by, arise from or are related to any negligence, act, failure to act of or by Ports Victoria
- the user acknowledges the risk of third parties providing Ports Victoria, with erroneous or inaccurate data and accordingly indemnify Ports Victoria, against any error or inaccuracy of the DUKC data, which the user place reliance on.

If due to non-availability of data or invalid data, the DUKC system is unable to run for any reason, transiting vessels will be handled in accordance with the static UKC criteria for the management of under keel clearance.

Obligations of the user

Acknowledgment

The user acknowledges that, in order to use and obtain accurate predictions from the DUKC system:

- accurate draughts and hydrostatic data must be supplied to Ports Victoria as soon as the information is available
- any changes to anticipated condition to be conveyed to Ports Victoria as soon as possible.