

Ships Registration – Malta

A vessel is first registered provisionally under the Malta flag for six months (extendible to one year) during which period all documentation must be finalized.

For Provisional Registration:

S.No	Document	Requirement
1	an application for registration by the owner or an authorized representative	✓
2	an application for a change of name, if required	✓
3	a copy of the ship's International Tonnage Certificate	✓
4	proof of qualification to own a Maltese ship; in the case of a body corporate, the memorandum and articles of association	✓
5	a declaration of ownership made before the Registrar by the owner or an authorized representative	✓
6	evidence of seaworthiness; in the case of trading vessels, confirmation of class.	✓
7	payment of initial and annual registration fees	✓

During Provisional Registration:

S.No	Document	Requirement
1	an a builder's certificate, if the vessel has not been registered elsewhere; otherwise, a bill of sale or any other document by which the vessel was transferred to the applicant for registry	✓
2	a cancellation of registry certificate from the last country of registry, showing the vessel to be free from encumbrances or otherwise	✓

3	a certificate of survey and a copy of the tonnage certificate certifying that the vessel has been surveyed in accordance with Maltese regulations	✓
4	evidence that the vessel has been marked in accordance with the law	✓
5	at least one crew list accompanied by photocopies of the officers' certificates	✓