



## Seafarers' Earnings Deduction (SED)

From **6 April 2011** if your earnings as a seafarer are liable to UK Income Tax and you are:

- resident for tax purposes in a European Economic Area (EEA) State **and**
  - not ordinarily resident in the UK
- you can claim SED.

Under SED rules, the UK includes the territorial sea around the UK and designated areas of the UK continental shelf.

You can qualify for SED if you carry out:

- all of your duties on a ship, or
- most of your duties on a ship and the other duties are incidental to your duties on the ship.

The word *ship* is not defined in tax law but 'Offshore Installations' used in the offshore oil and gas industry are not classed as ships under SED rules. Here are some examples of offshore installations.

- Fixed production platforms.
- Floating production platforms.
- Floating storage units.
- Floating production storage and offloading vessels (FPSO).
- Mobile offshore drilling units (drill ships, semi-submersibles and jack ups).
- Flotels.
- Vessels engaged in the exploitation of mineral resources using a well, while standing or stationed in any waters.

For more information go to [www.hmrc.gov.uk/eimanual/EIM33000.htm](http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/eimanual/EIM33000.htm)

Your earnings for duties carried out on an offshore installation anywhere in the world will not qualify for SED. This includes earnings while the vessel or structure:

- was moving between locations
- temporarily changed its use
- was temporarily taken out of use.

We treat your duties as a seafarer as carried out outside the UK if they are carried out on a vessel that is on a voyage, or part voyage, which begins or ends outside the UK. For this purpose, the UK sector of the North Sea is treated as part of the UK.

If you had more than one employment in the eligible period you may only claim SED for the period or periods in which you carried out duties outside the UK.

### To qualify for SED

You must meet **all** of the following conditions.

- You must be a seafarer working on board a ship (see the definition of *ship* above).
- Your initial claim period must run for a minimum of 365 days, beginning and ending with a period outside the UK (this is known as a qualifying period (QP)).
- During each 365-day QP at least 183 days must be spent out of the UK. A day out of the UK is where you are outside the 12-mile territorial limit at midnight.
- There must be at least one foreign port visit for each employment in each tax year (and within an eligible QP).
- Consecutive days in the UK must not exceed 183 days.

## How to make a claim

To make a claim, please complete this form using capital letters and attach the documents requested on page 2.

### Your details

1	<b>Your title</b> <i>(for example Mr, Mrs, Miss)</i>								
2	<b>Your surname or family name</b>								
3	<b>Your first name</b>								
4	<b>Your date of birth</b> DD MM YYYY								
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5	<b>Your permanent home address</b>								
Postcode									
6	<b>Your nationality</b>								
7	<b>Country in which you ordinarily reside</b>								
8	<b>Your National Insurance number</b>								
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### Details of your claim

**I wish to claim for the tax year ended**

5 April 

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9	<b>Pay and UK tax deducted</b> <i>(from form P60 End of Year Certificate, payslip or employer's statement)</i>												
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## Payment authority

You may have your repayment made to:

- your address
- any other person on your behalf, in the UK
- your bank or building society, in the UK
- a branch of certain banks or a company set up by a UK bank in the Irish Republic, the Isle of Man or the Channel islands.

10 Do you want your repayment made to a nominee?

Yes  No

If No, go to question 11

Name of nominee

Address of nominee

Postcode

If your nominee is a bank or building society also enter your account details

Branch sort code

  -   -  

Account number

Name of account holder

11 Address to which you would like your repayment sent

Postcode

## Evidence to support your claim

You have to provide the relevant documents listed below to support your claim.

*Please use the tick boxes to show you have enclosed all the documents we need to decide your claim.*

A calculation or breakdown of days spent in the UK during the period of claim, including dates and air tickets or other travel vouchers confirming this information.

Copies of the relevant pages of your discharge book or other documents, confirming your sea service during the period of the claim.

Copies of each vessel's Draught of Water & Freeboard Pages, Day Logs or Voyage Reports for the claim period.

A copy of form P60 *End of Year Certificate* for the year of claim.

If working on a ferry, copies of monthly Duty Rostas and qualifying time sheets showing arrival and departure times.

If working on a cruise ship, copies of the itinerary of each cruise.

## Repayment claim and declaration

I claim that I am a resident in an EEA State and not ordinarily resident in the UK for the tax year ended

5 April     and claim repayment of UK tax.

\*I authorise repayment to be made to the person, bank or building society I have shown above.

(\*Delete if you have not nominated someone or a bank or building society to receive the repayment on your behalf.)

I declare that the information that I have given on this form is correct and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature and date

Signature

Date DD MM YYYY

     

Full name (in capital letters)

Phone number

Email address

Send the completed form to

HM Revenue & Customs, Cardiff Marine Group 15 East, Ty Glas, Llanishen, Cardiff, UK, CF14 5FP.