

Port Charges in Greenland

When ships call at ports in Greenland, they are required to pay port charges. Port charges are payable for any call at port, at ports listed in Annex 1.

Example: If a ship calls at three ports, e.g. Qaqortoq, Maniitsoq, and Ilulissat, port charges are payable at all three ports.

Payment of Port Charges and Filing a Declaration

Port charges are payable when the ship departs from a port. Payment must be made to the local port authorities.

At the same time, a ship's officer or another crew member at the bridge must file a declaration with the local port authorities. This declaration must include information regarding the type of ship, GRT/GT, number of days commenced in the port, and an approval of the calculated port charges.

Cruise ships must file a declaration including, among other details, information on the number and nationalities of its passengers.

These declarations should be filed as instructed by the local port authorities. Both declarations can be retrieved from the Tax Agency website: www.aka.gl.

The local port authorities will send the port charges and the declaration to the Tax Agency.

The shipping company, owner, operator, charterer, or forwarder is liable for payment of the port charges.

Concealment of information, giving false or misleading information, and non-payment of port charges will incur penalties.

Calculation of Port Charges

Port charges are paid as per gross tonnage (GT/GRT) at the following rates:

	Type of Ship	Rate in Danish Kroner per Gross Tonnage (GT/GRT)
1	Cruise ships	DKK 1.10 per commenced 24-hour period
2	Passenger ships	DKK 0.70 per commenced 24-hour period
3	Fishing vessels registered outside Greenland	DKK 0.70 per commenced 24-hour period
4	Ships adapted for freight transport and other ships	DKK 0.70 per commenced week

The statement of the ship's gross tonnage is rounded down to the nearest gross ton or gross registered ton.

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For ships of which the gross tonnage has only been measured in gross registered tons, the charges are calculated based on GRT according to the rates mentioned under Article 1.

Some ships are not required to pay port charges

Ships that do not have to pay port charges are listed in Annex 2.

Annex 1: Overview of Greenlandic ports where port charges are payable

Port charges are payable when calling at the following ports:

	Port	Local Port Authorities
1	Qaanaaq	-
2	Upernavik	Royal Arctic Line A/S
3	Uummannaq	Royal Arctic Line A/S
4	Qeqertarsuaq	KNI Pilersuisoq A/S
5	Ilulissat	Royal Arctic Line A/S
6	Qasigiannugit	Royal Arctic Line A/S
7	Aasiaat	Royal Arctic Line A/S
8	Kangaatsiaq	KNI Pilersuisoq A/S
9	Sisimiut	Royal Arctic Line A/S
10	Kangerlussuaq	Mittarfeqarfiit
11	Maniitsoq	Royal Arctic Line A/S
12	Nuuk	Sikuki Harbour A/S
13	Paamiut	Royal Arctic Line A/S
14	Narsaq	Royal Arctic Line A/S
15	Narsarsuaq	Mittarfeqarfiit
16	Qaqortoq	Royal Arctic Line A/S
17	Nanortalik	Royal Arctic Line A/S
18	Tasiilaq	Royal Arctic Line A/S

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19	Ittoqqortoormiit	KNI Pilersuisoq A/S
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Annex 2: List of ships not required to pay port charges

	Type of Ship
1	Fishing vessels registered in Greenland
2	Fishing vessels chartered by a Greenlandic fishing company
3	Ships smaller than 200 gross tons (GRT/GT) and registered in Greenland
4	Danish and foreign navy vessels, and Danish and foreign government ships
5	Ships belonging to or chartered by administrative bodies of the Government of Greenland, a Greenlandic community, or the Danish State
6	Rescued ships not destined for the port in question according to their loading papers
7	Ships seeking port only to have their compasses adjusted, to seek medical assistance, to change crew, for sick, dead or rescued persons to be disembarked, to take persons on board, or for the captain to disembark
8	Ships serving exclusively scientific or humanitarian purposes
9	Ships forming part of regular traffic with supplies for settlements and remote districts
10	Passenger ships owned by shipping companies having entered into a service agreement with the Government of Greenland
11	Ships permanently stationed in Greenland, adapted and being used as rescue and towing vessels
12	Dredgers and rock fishing vessels
13	Diving vessels
14	Barges
15	Ships unloading only fish or fishing products purchased in Denmark, on the Faroe Islands, or abroad for the purpose of processing in land plants in Greenland
16	Ships with fish and fishing products for settlements and remote districts when calling at one of the aforementioned ports
17	Ships transporting only oil and oil products

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